

## Will Butler

Director of Business Development and Real Estate Services

Will Butler is Director of Business Development and Real Estate Services for the Detroit Regional Partnership (DRP), a leading regional economic development nonprofit serving the 11-county Detroit Region. Butler helps attract new jobs and corporate investment by assisting domestic and global businesses looking to explore, locate, and grow in the Detroit Region. As an economic development professional, he showcases the unique assets and competitive advantages that make the Detroit Region a premier destination for new investment. Prior to joining the DRP, Butler worked in economic development and business attraction for the Detroit Regional Chamber as well as several municipal and state-level political campaigns.

In addition, he volunteers for organizations focused on foreign direct investment and international trade, including serving on the Board for the Swedish American Chamber of Commerce-Detroit and Automation Alley's International Business Services Advisory Council. Butler holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Michigan.

## PAST EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

- Economic Development Institute, University of Oklahoma (Enrolled currently)
- Senior Business Development Representative, Detroit Regional Chamber
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## NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- dBusiness 30 in Their Thirties, 2021
- Board Member, Swedish American Chamber of Commerce-Detroit
- Member, International Business Services Advisory Council, Automation Alley
- Vice Chairperson, Magis Council, Pope Francis Center
- Communications Committee Member, City of Huntington Woods
- Neighborhood Advisory Council Member, Hudson's Site Development, City of Detroit
- Neighborhood Advisory Council Member, Detroit Free Press Building Redevelopment, City of Detroit
- Economic Development Planning Working Group, Detroit Riverfront Conservancy
- Communications Advisory Board Member, M1 Rail