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Christine Nolan is a Senior Associate at Purdue University's Center for Regional Development, where she also supervises the Center's GIS database and spatial analysis unit. Educated at the University of Sussex (UK) and the University of Pittsburgh, PA, she is a regional planner and policy analyst, and her major interest lies in planning for local and regional economic development. Until recently, Christine served as Chair of Purdue Extension's Land Use Team, leading about 30 extension educators and state specialists in educational programming related to land use and community economic development. Currently, she helps to lead a team of Purdue partners in developing a comprehensive planning database and interactive GIS tool for Indiana called "Local Decision Maker" (<http://ldm.agriculture.purdue.edu/>) as well as a national GIS database for regional planning (under construction).

Christine's experience includes many years of planning work and international consulting in Africa, Asia and Oceania. In the US she has been a planning practitioner in Vermont and Ohio. Since moving to Indiana, she has become known for her contributions to regional and state-level planning efforts, through the expertise she has developed in business and industry cluster analysis and occupation cluster analysis. Two of her most recent projects, completed with a team from Purdue and Indiana Universities, and funded through the US Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration, concern regional economic development through industry and occupation cluster strategies for the US and Indiana regions.