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Education

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, Master of City and Regional Planning, 1984. Environmental and regional planning emphases.

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Bachelor of Arts, Environmental Science and Policy, 1975. Water resources and materials recycling emphases. Course work in limnology and ecological modeling at Academy of Natural Sciences, economics and policy analysis at the Wharton School.

Professional licenses and memberships

New Jersey Professional Planner, #03043

American Planning Association: Environmental Planning Division, Intergovernmental Affairs Division, Information Technology Division, New Jersey Chapter.

American Water Resources Association: New Jersey Section, Past President (1986), review panel for Journal of the American Water Resources Association.

Professional experience

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Office of State Planning*

Trenton, New Jersey

(*Office transferred from Treasury to Community Affairs in 1998)

Assistant Director

- Supervised up to 15 staff in Research and Comprehensive Planning units.
- Managed senior policy and technical staff and consultants in designing and performing high profile policy analyses, planning studies and related research involving high levels of technical expertise and innovation to define and resolve complex issues, including Principal Technical Contact to Rutgers University for seminal 1992 and 2000 state plan impact assessment studies. Established and monitored project budgets, schedules and priorities. Prepared and performed formal presentations to State Planning Commission and major conferences. Lead staff to Strategic Planning Committee and Policy and Research Committee of the State Planning Commission.
- Established Brownfields Program in the Office of State Planning. Supervised Brownfields Program Director and staff support to statutory Brownfields Redevelopment Task Force. Coordinated Brownfields Program with development and implementation of the State Development and Redevelopment Plan.
- Principal author of Infrastructure Needs Assessment, Monitoring and Evaluation, long-range demographic and economic forecasts and infrastructure and environmental policies for 1992 and 2001 State Development and Redevelopment Plans. Provided oversight and hands-on technical work for plan production and publication in printed and electronic media, including design and production of web adaptation and two multimedia CD-ROMs.
- Directly supervised development and use of statistical and GIS-based Planning Support Systems software by staff and consultants including small area demographic and econometric forecasting models and impact assessment models for long-range (10-20 year) land, housing and infrastructure (roads, wastewater and public school facilities) needs and costs and computerized visualization. Licensed beta testers to USEPA (Smart Growth Index) and Orton Family Foundation (Community Viz) for planning support system software.
- Updated statewide hazards assessment and vulnerability analysis report for NJ Office of Emergency Management.
- Managed information technologies, including strategic planning and migration projects.
- Supervised design and development of the office geographic information system, databases and library.
- Designed and managed technical aspects and developed initial content of the office web site, www.njstateplan.com.
- Assisted Capital Budgeting and Planning Commission in review of State agency capital projects and budget requests for consistency with State Development and Redevelopment Plan pursuant to statute.

1990 -
2002

- Member and consultant to the Department of Transportation Scenic Byways Program Steering Committee since inception.
- Liaison to Rutgers University, Bloustein School Humphrey Program for international planning practitioners.

1986 -
1990

New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Office of State Planning

Trenton, New Jersey

Area Planning Manager, Northwest Area.

- Designed and facilitated first cross-acceptance process with local governments and interest groups in Sussex, Warren, Morris and Hunterdon Counties pursuant to State Planning Act. Trained in negotiation and presentation skills to anticipate and reconcile conflicts arising from public policies or their implementation. Deposited in land use litigation (case withdrawn).
- Coordinated development of State Plan policies for natural and cultural resources protection and liaison to New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Supervised consultants developing environmental policies and planning tools, including a nitrate dilution model for suburban/rural water supply protection.
- Statutory Professional Planner assigned to State Planning Commission.

1978 -
1986

Mercer County Office of the County Executive, Planning Division

Trenton, New Jersey

Principal Planner. Coordinator, Growth Management (Comprehensive) Planning Program. Manager, "208" Water Quality Planning Program.

- Principal staff author of 1985 Mercer County Growth Management Plan.
- Scoped, performed and supervised state-of-the-art technical studies of toxic non-point source pollutants in water supply watersheds and of stream corridor management.
- Drafted and established procedures for amending the Mercer County Water Quality Management Plan and for review of Wastewater Management Plans subject to approval by County Planning Board, County Executive and NJDEP.
- Developed work programs and interlocal agreements to implement New Jersey County Environmental Health Act.
- Assisted in environmental review of land development projects before County Planning Board.
- Responsible for policy and program development, integration of county-level functional and comprehensive plans, direction of technical research, maintenance and agenda of policy advisory committee, grant administration, budget preparation, staff and consultant supervision, deployment of information technologies, public involvement.

1977 -
1978

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Resources, Office of Areawide Planning

Trenton, New Jersey

Senior Environmental Specialist. Land use coordinator, Delaware River Basin. Responsible for demographic analysis, implementation planning for "208" water quality management plans in four counties, computerized land use/non-point source control mapping project, public involvement.

1976 -
1977

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Marine Services, Office of Coastal Zone Management

Trenton, New Jersey

Graduate Student Assistant. Responsible for analyses of quantity, quality, use and management of surface and coastal waters in coastal area.

Additional professional activities

Part-time Lecturer, Rutgers University, Department of Urban Planning and Policy (Graduate)

Guest lecturer, Rider College Graduate Public Administration Program.

"Managing Water Resources by Integrating Planning: New Jersey's State Plan." Proceedings, American Water Resources Association Annual Conference, 1989.