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Biographical Information

JAMES M. WRIGHT, JR., P.E.

Mr. Wright has over 37 years of experience in Public Works Administration and general civil engineering. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in the States of Maryland and Delaware with a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Virginia Tech. For the past 21 years Mr. Wright has held the position of County Engineer with Kent County. In this position he has been responsible for managing many of the county's major public works projects including building renovation and construction, road, bridge and waterway improvement projects as well as the administration of the federal and state aid programs, and the local bridge inspection program. Mr. Wright administered and coordinated implementation of the Subdivision Road Design Standards and the Kent County Purchasing Policy including Quality Based Selection of professional services. He also supervises the Building Maintenance and Grounds Maintenance Divisions of the Department of Public Works. Most recently he has been responsible for the development and management of two newly constructed solar array projects in the county providing renewable electric power to county buildings. Both of these projects were a joint public/private venture with one involving the participation of the local Board of Education. Another recently completed project Mr. Wright administered was the dredging of the entrance to Rock Hall Harbor involving financial and technical assistance from the Department of Natural Resources.

Prior to employment with Kent County, Mr. Wright worked with Rauch, Walls & Lane, Inc., a private consulting firm where he was responsible for the design and construction of major projects including Chesapeake Outlet Village, Queenstown Harbor Golf Links and Skipjack Cove Marina among others.

Mr. Wright started his career with Queen Anne's County as an entry level civil engineer working his way up to the position of Assistant Director of Public Works. During his tenure with Queen Anne's County, he moved from plan review and construction inspection to road and bridge replacement design, drafting and implementing regulations such as the Sediment Control, Floodplain Management and Stormwater Management Ordinances along with grant administration and water and sewer rate schedule review and management.

Mr. Wright has been a member and past president of CEAM for over 37 years. He is also a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and a member and past president of the Chestertown Lions Club.