

Bio
Meritorious Service Award
Thomas E. Butler, PE

Education

Thomas Butler currently serves as Deputy Director of DPW Engineering, Development, and Construction for Howard County Government. Tom has a Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering from University of Maryland, and a Master's Degree in Engineering Administration from George Washington University.

Experience

Tom earned his engineering license as a design engineer while working for the City of Baltimore, Water Engineering Division. He later accepted a position with Howard County managing water and sewer projects during the HRD high growth periods building the Villages in and around Columbia. Tom subsequently was promoted to Chief of the Construction Inspection Division managing developer and capital improvement projects. During the 2008 recession, Tom accepted a position in the Department of Planning and Zoning as Deputy Director to help manage the troubled or defaulted developer/builder projects through the sub-prime mortgage financial crisis. Tom returned to Public Work in 2012 and recently was recognized for his 30 years of service, and his contributions to restoring Ellicott City after the 2016 flood.

Highlights

- Tom is a long time member of CEAM.
- His wife Deborah Butler of 28 years of marriage is Chief of Engineering in Carroll County.
- Tom and Debbie have two daughters, Emily and Caroline, who are both professionally successful but despite genetics, NOT Engineers.