

Gary Snyder has spent a lifetime committed to the environment and water resources. His commitment started during his youth growing up in the mountainous coal regions of central Pennsylvania where he developed an interest in Geology and water resources. The mining scars of the region and degradation to receiving waters were impactful. Gary went to college to study Geology and Environmental Sciences. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the University of Delaware and went to work in the natural resources/environmental industry in Colorado. During his time working in Colorado his interests in the natural environment and water resources expanded as assignments included various geology and engineering related projects. Gary advanced his education at the University of Colorado in Civil Engineering with a focus on geotechnics of soil/rock and water. Career opportunities and family brought him back to Pennsylvania where he completed his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Civil Engineering at Drexel University, preparing him for a career focused on infrastructure engineering and the related elements of geology and water.

Gary's career as a practicing Professional Engineer and Professional Geologist spanned more than 45 years, but the majority of his career was spent with two major firms. Gary spent 17 years with Black & Veatch in Philadelphia rising from a staff engineer to Area Manager. Projects involved water related infrastructure and the environment. He transitioned to his current employer, Mott MacDonald, in 2006 to start their Philadelphia office. He expanded the office to over 30 professionals and was instrumental managing projects, offices and regions. His commitment to his clients and colleagues buoyed his long career.

Gary's working project involvement reflected his core interests in water resources, geology and the general environment. This included work in such areas as: water supply, treatment & distribution; wastewater collection/conveyance; stormwater and green stormwater infrastructure; CSO control; tunnel storage/underground structures; and water resource planning. The projects were numerous and varied, but the motivating common thread was collaborating with talented colleagues to find meaningful solutions to solve client's problems.

Throughout his career, Gary expanded his professional involvement outside the office. He was an adjunct professor at Drexel University teaching classes in engineering geology and water resources. He also participated in several national water societies and found time to get engaged in local environmental and water resource issues. This included involvement in several local environmental action groups in the Delaware and Chester County regions. He served on the Board of the Chester Ridley Crum Watershed Association for over 10 years, 4 of which serving as President, advancing watershed protection and education in the region. He was a long-standing Board Member for the Water Resources Association of the Delaware River Basin, remaining as an ad-hoc member after his several terms with the WRADRB.

Gary has lived and worked his lifetime around water related issues. Upon reflection, he is most thankful for personal and professional relationships that have developed and trusts that he provided support to advance other's careers and projects, as well as improve the natural environment, and particularly our water resources.

Gary is married to his loving and supportive wife of 43 years, Deborah Wiegand Snyder, and has two children and six grandchildren. While still active as an In-House Consultant for Mott MacDonald, he spends his increasing spare time with family, flyfishing, hiking/birding and relaxing at the Cove in Cape

May. However, like most that have spent a lifetime in this business, Gary will always need a project to lead and looks forward to increasingly using his God given talents to help more people more often.