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Education:

B.S., civil engineering, University of Maryland
A.S., engineering technology, Community College of Allegheny County

Experience:

2021-present: Senior environmental manager, Edwards-Pitman Environmental Inc. Using NEPA, environmental justice, Section 106, and Section 4(f) expertise to expedite transportation project delivery and pursue new business opportunities in transportation and other federal program areas. Developing and delivering environmental training for agencies and consultants involved in the development of transportation projects requiring NEPA compliance.

1987-2021: Senior environmental specialist, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Provided technical assistance and training on environmental laws, regulations, and policies required for federal-aid transportation projects to a nationwide network of FHWA division offices, state departments of transportation (DOTs), and others. Assisted FHWA headquarters staff develop policy, regulations, and guidance to ensure and expedite environmental compliance.

Selected Publications and Initiatives:

Back to the Basics: Section 4(f) and 23 CFR 774 Updates

https://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/Pubs_resources_tools/publications/newsletters/july20nl.aspx

Federal-aid Essentials for Local Public Agencies–FHWA

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/federal-aidessentials/catmod.cfm?category=environm>

NATHPO Tribal Consultation: Best Practices in Historic Preservation

https://www.nathpo.org/assets/pdf/NATHPO_Best_Practices/

New Echota Traditional Cultural Property Study and Video Documentary

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CCXmWh3vkAk>

Old Federal Road Context Study and Driving Tour

<https://www.dot.ga.gov/InvestSmart/Environment/CulturalResources/Pages/ProjectDetails.aspx?projID=11>

Affiliations:

Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership (IGEL)

National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP)

Transportation Research Board (TRB) AME 60 Standing Committee on Historic and Archaeological

Preservation in Transportation; AJL 50 Standing Committee on Environmental Issues in Transportation;

AME30 Standing Committee on Native American Transportation Issues