

Information about the Speakers

James Cowhey is Executive Director for the Lancaster County Planning Commission. James joined the Commission staff in 1988 and served as Director for Community Planning beginning in 1990. Previous experience includes working as a planning consultant with municipal, county, and private-sector clients. He also serves as Executive Director of the Lancaster County Transportation Coordinating Committee and is a former member and chair of the Manheim Borough Planning Commission. He is a member of the South Central Assembly for Effective Governance Land Use and Growth Management Committee, the American Planning Association, the Pennsylvania Planning Association, and the National Civic League.



James has a Bachelor's Degree in Geo-Environmental Studies from Shippensburg University and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Penn State University. He believes that the key to successful planning and growth management in Pennsylvania is the development of strategic partnerships between county and municipal governments and other interest groups.

Barbara Baker is Communications Manager for the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority.

Jeannie Leggett Sikora is the president of Energenie, a company which provides consulting services to the residential construction industry. Ms. Sikora's area of expertise is energy and resource efficiency; she has a diverse background in providing outreach to the residential, agricultural, and industrial sectors since 1994. For seven years before starting her own company, Ms. Sikora worked on residential energy efficiency and green building projects for the NAHB Research Center.



Ms. Sikora is author of *Profit from Building Green*, a book which describes energy-efficient construction practices of the EnergyValue Housing award-winning builders. She has developed and delivered numerous educational seminars for home builders.

Ms. Sikora's experience as an educator in the agricultural field included positions in cooperative extension at Penn State and the University of Wisconsin. In those positions, she developed educational publications on rural energy issues and delivered educational programs about energy use in agriculture. She holds a B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering from Lehigh University and an M.S. degree in Agricultural and Biological Engineering from the Pennsylvania State University.

David S. Hughes is currently co-owner of *Fringetree Design Studios, LLC*, a multi-disciplinary visual art, ecology and landscape design company. His experience in landscape architecture allows him to creatively bring together ecological concepts, garden design and cultural elements to a vast array of land design and planning projects. David's work includes stream channel, riparian, and woodland restoration, the design of environmentally-friendly parking lots, natural and formal ecological gardens, interpretative trails, and rain and vernal ponds for residential properties, businesses, and communities.

Mr. Hughes received his BS degree in Landscape Architecture from Penn State University and is a candidate for the Master of Landscape Architecture from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. He has been the property manager for the Bucks County Audubon Society and has worked for Larry Weaner Landscape Design Associates, LandStudies, Inc., New England Environmental, Inc., Glackin Associates, Inc., and the US Forest Service. He lives in Upper Black Eddy Pennsylvania.

Robert E. Edwards is a Special Projects Manager with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission's Division of Watershed Assessment and Programs. Starting with the Commission in 1985 as a Water Quality Specialist, Bob has worked on many water quality investigations in the Susquehanna River Basin and was the Commission's representative to the Chesapeake Bay Program. He helped develop the Commission's basin-wide nutrient and sediment monitoring program and implemented the Commission's Geographic Information System Program. He currently manages water resource assessment projects and the Commission's water quality data bases. Bob holds a B.S. degree from Penn State University, a M.S. degree from Shippensburg University, and is a licensed Professional Geologist in Pennsylvania.

Will Selman is principal of Town Planning and Design Associates, a land development and planning firm focused on the principles of Traditional Neighborhood Design, New Urbanism, and Smart Growth and has been involved in numerous development and planning projects ranging in scope from 1- acre urban infill to 300- acre greenfield village developments. Will served as senior planning analyst at the Lancaster County Planning Commission, and as chair of the Lancaster City Planning Commission, and is founding president of the Association for the New Urbanism in Pennsylvania, an original state chapter of the Congress for the New Urbanism.

He holds a Master's Degree in Urban and Environmental Planning from the University of Virginia is a current Fellow of the Knight Program in Community Building at the University Of Miami School Of Architecture.



James L. Caplinger, a lawyer, has formerly served as a city manager, a college president, and a foundation executive. He serves on boards in the areas of insurance, affordable housing, and investments. He currently is writing about improving the environment by removing legal obstacles. He also writes about building public support for environmental improvement.

