

2022 WV Educational Conference on Litter Control & Solid Waste Management

Speaker Biographical Information

Mitchell “Skee” Barley - Officer Mitchell “Skee” Barley is a retired Captain of the Raleigh County Sheriff’s Office where he served for thirty years. He is also a combat veteran retired from the WV Army National Guard where he served twenty-one years and reached the rank of First Sergeant. Officer Barley is currently a Raleigh County Litter Control Officer who has investigated and aided in over 3000 cases in 8 years. Officer Barley advocated and was successful having a law passed which allows Litter Control Officers who are certified law enforcement officers, provided whose certifications are active, to have full law enforcement authority over litter crimes. Officer Barley continues working with legislators to ensure proposed bills pertaining to litter laws are fair, firm, and practical. To date Officer Barley has provided training for Litter Control officers from seven counties which includes Mercer, Wetzel, Lincoln, Harrison, Webster, Wyoming, and Wirt Counties; and also works closely with Litter Control officers in his neighboring counties.

Officer Barley was instrumental in helping First Sergeant Jim Mitchell of the West Virginia State Police establish L.E.A.F. Ministries, a ministry for law enforcement, by law enforcement where Officer Barley continues as a board member and chaplain.

Officer Barley is a husband of 30 years to Teresa Barley and the father of 2 adult children, both of whom are nurses. Officer Barley is proud to be a lifelong resident of the great state of West Virginia and is a firm believer in the importance of litter control.

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Tomi Bergstrom - Working for the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Watershed Improvement Branch Programs, Tomi works with nonprofit volunteer watershed organizations, environmental education partners, and the citizens of West Virginia to inspire and empower people to value and work for clean water. Tomi graduated from Marshall University with a Masters in Biological Sciences and has worked within DEP for the last 11 years from their Charleston Headquarters.

As the Project WET (Water Education Today) Coordinator for the state, she hosts free Project WET workshops across the state for both formal and informal educators. She promotes the Watershed Improvement Branch and other DEP programs that assist in the planning and implementation of water quality protection, improvement and restoration projects. She has a passion to educate, improve, and encourage local water heroes to stress the importance of a healthy environment and clean water for West Virginians.

In her free time, you may find Tomi puttering around in her garden, backpacking, playing ultimate frisbee, or trail running beside creeks and streams.

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Bernard Brown Bernard has over 20 years of public and private experience involving project development. Mr. Brown joined Empire Diversified Energy where he now serves as a Chief Technology Officer utilizing his ability skills to lead teams through project development, execution and organize project priorities to maintain alignment on project goals leading to measurable results. Mr. Brown maintains understanding of waste to energy in project design, permitting, and execution. Mr. Brown utilizes project experience to support the company's vision of bettering the planet by focusing on projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance resource efficiency.

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Chris Cartwright - Chris has been employed by the WVDNR and then the WVDEP for the last 22 years. During this time, he has served as state coordinator for the WV Make It Shine Program, and as Project Manager for REAP's Pollution Prevention Open Dump Program, Western Region. He recently took on the responsibilities of State Coordinator for the Adopt A Stream Program and is head of REAP's County Litter Control Officer Training Program.



Michael Cyr, Keynote Speaker

Michael Cyr is a waste industry expert based in Ohio. After years in the commercial waste industry, he is now a thought leader pushing waste reduction over waste management. He is Co-founder of Cup Zero - a reusable cup service for events and arenas and Cup Zero Go - a mobile app allowing users to check out and check in reusable items across the city.

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Niki Davis, a native of Kanawha County, has been with the WV Department of Environmental Protection for twelve years. After earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology at WVSU and a short stint in medical laboratories, she began her career at DEP in 2010 with the Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP) as an entry level Environmental Resources Specialist working with recycling and litter grants.

Driven by interest in program development, Niki joined the WVDEP's Environmental Enforcement as an Inspector in the newly formed Aboveground Storage Tanks Program but later returned to REAP to take on a more diversified role to supervise multiple programs. Outside of work, Niki stays quite busy with an energetic 4-year old daughter trying to make the most of each fleeting moment.

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Resa Dimino, Senior Consultant, Resource Recycling Systems. As senior consultant for Resource Recycling Systems, Resa is an accomplished practitioner recognized across North America for her expertise on such topics as plastics recycling, recycled PET usage and markets, product stewardship, transformational technology, mechanical plastics recycling, as well as materials management policy and government administration.

Resa brings 30 years of experience having served as director of policy for the National Association for PET Container Resources (NAPCOR); led waste and recycling policy for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; served as director of legislative programs for WeRecycle; and acted as advisor to the Product Stewardship Institute. Resa recently led a study for the Foodservice Packaging Institute and project partners on PET thermoform recycling that included estimated material volumes in the marketplace, current recovery pathways, and costs and feasibility for potential pathways to increase recovery.

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Paul Hayes began working for the Solid Waste Management Board (SWMB) in 2001 and is currently a public information specialist. As SWMB liaison to the Association of WV Solid Waste Authorities, he assists in tracking solid waste legislation and Public Service Commission cases.

He serves as chair of the Recycling Coalition of WV and demonstrates a passion to educate students through the development and updating WV Dept. of Education approved lesson plans covering solid waste management and recycling opportunities. A native of Fort Collins, Colorado, he has a Certificate of Completion: Language & Cultural Studies – University of Lisbon Portugal and a Bachelor of Science from Purdue University.

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Mark D. Holstine became the executive director of the Solid Waste Management Board in November 2010. Prior to joining the SWMB, Mark was employed by the WVDEP's Division of Mining and Reclamation as an engineer in the Program Development Division.

He was employed by GAI Consultants, Inc. in the early 2000's as a project manager, consulting with the WVDEP on Landfill Closure Assistance Program (LCAP) projects. He also managed the design and construction of various water and sewer projects throughout WV and PA.

Mark was employed by the City of Charleston throughout the 1990's, first as assistant city engineer and then as Public Works director. As assistant city engineer, he assisted in the design and construction of the City of Charleston Landfill. As Public Works director, he was responsible for all aspects of the city's solid waste collection and disposal, as well as the Street Department, Equipment Maintenance and Fleet Management, Public Grounds, city engineer, traffic engineer and Spring Hill Cemetery.

Mark has a Bachelor's of Science in Civil Engineering from the West Virginia Institute of Technology and is a West Virginia Licensed Professional Engineer. He and his wife of 33 years, Tammy, have two sons, David 26 and Chad 21. In his spare time Mark enjoys the outdoors with his family hunting, boating, and riding off road vehicles.

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Annette Hoskins has been employed with the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection for over 15 years. She attended The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she majored in Criminal Justice. She returned to WV and continued her career in Communications and Sales for the next 10 years. Annette enjoys educating children about the environment and our natural resources which lead her in the path of becoming the Youth Environmental Program Manager. She lives in Charleston with her husband, AJ, and daughter, Audrey, where she enjoys hiking, baking and traveling, especially family trips to the beach.

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Terry W. Hudson is Chairman of the Capital Conservation District and 2nd Vice President of the West Virginia Association of Conservation Districts. He has also served on various boards including WV Farmers Market Association as Treasurer, WV Food and Farm Coalition as Treasurer, KISRA (Kanawha Institute for Social Research and Action), Greater Kanawha Resource Conservation and Development and as the Chairman of the Union Trades Federal Credit Union.

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John King is an Environmental Resource Analyst with the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) Office of Environmental Advocate. He currently serves as the agency's Constituent Services coordinator, Acting Environmental Justice coordinator, and Acting Reclamation of Abandoned and Dilapidated Properties Program coordinator.

The advocate office touches all aspects of WVDEP and must stay attuned to regulatory changes and current events. As a Resource Analyst, John provides special assistance to communities and individuals who need help resolving environmental issues or finding pertinent information. He also provides technical and analytical support to DEP senior staff and program managers on special projects, hot button issues, and Environmental Justice considerations. John is a founding member of the Morris Creek Watershed Association Inc. located in the Upper Kanawha Valley and serves on the Steering Committee for the Ohio River Basin Alliance. He is also a PADI certified Dive Master and FAA certified remote pilot. His greatest responsibility is being a dad to two awesome little girls and teaching them how far we can push it before mom gets mad.

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Scott Norman is the Comptroller and Grant Administrator for the Solid Waste Management Board. Scott has been with the Board for over 17 years and has been the Board's CFO for over 15 years. He has a bachelor's degree in accounting from West Virginia State University and an MBA in accounting from Marshall University.

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Carolyn Norvell went to West Virginia State University. She lives in Kanawha City and has always lived in the Charleston area. She began her career at West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection in 2016 in the Business Operations Office in Fiscal Services and is the Sub Grants Manager. Carolyn loves to travel to the DC area to visit her daughter and three grandson but also likes to dine out, go to movies, concerts, and plays.

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Amy Parsons-White is Sustainability Manager at Marshall University and a native West Virginian. Amy is passionate about the people of Appalachia and our environment. She has a master's degree in Biological Science from Marshall University and focused her studies on aquatic toxicology. As the Sustainability Manager at Marshall University, her work involves creating programs within the university that incorporate environmental conservation with social equity and justice, and fiscal responsibility. Her most recent projects include the development of West Virginia's first commercial compost facility, a campus thrift store, and the phasing out of single use plastics on Marshall's campus by 2026.

In her spare time, Amy enjoys hiking, camping, and listening to live music with her husband Paul, their two daughters, Isabella and Gillian, and their three dogs.

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Gary Rogers started his career in state government nearly 30 years ago, working for the Division of Natural Resources as the accountant/auditor for the Recycling Assistance Grant Program. In 2005, Gary was transferred to the Department of Environmental Protection when the A James Manchin REAP program was created. Since then, he has worked with several state and federally funded grant programs as well as managing other financial reporting responsibilities. Currently, Gary is the Senior Financial Reporting Manager for DEP overseeing the Accounting and Financial Reporting Section, the Sub Grants Unit, and the internal auditing functions for the agency.

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Sandy Rogers is the Director of REAP under the WV Department of Environmental Protection and oversees the Reclamation of Abandoned and Dilapidated Properties Program, the Make-It-Shine Program, the Adopt-A-Highway Program, the Adopt-A-Stream Program, the

Covered Electronic Devices (CED) Manufacturer Registration and Takeback Program, the Litter Control Grant Program, the CED Grant Program and the Recycling Grant Program.

She has a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership and Development from Wheeling Jesuit

University and a DEP Supervisory Development Certification from the WVU College of Business and Economics. She has over 24 years of experience working with recycling and litter issues for the state of WV and is a strong advocate for keeping WV clean and green. Sandy's interests include anything to do with the outdoors and her two beautiful grandchildren.

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Terri L. Tyler - Terri is the Executive Director of the Wetzel County Solid Waste Authority. She began working for the Wetzel County Solid Waste Authority in December 2012 as a part time position. After just a few months Terri realized that this job deserved full time attention and after working in the insurance industry for twenty-eight years made a career change. Terri introduced the current one day a week four hour drop off recycling program which has proven to be very successful with it growing from the first year of 116,000 pounds to a high of 386,000 pounds pre COVID.

Terri was instrumental in getting recycling introduced in Wetzel County schools. Various other activities have been introduced since 2012 including the current summer litter cleanup program which is a group effort with five different agencies all working together to clean up Wetzel County, and providing educational information to various groups in the community. Wetzel County SWA just recently started their monthly tire collection.

Terri has been active in the Association of West Virginia Solid Waste Authorities, first a Board of Director and currently serves as the Chair of the Association of Solid Waste Authorities. Terri serves on the Legislative Committee of the Association.

Terri is active in the community by volunteering with various charities in her area. Terri lives in Paden City with her husband Danny.

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