

Success Story

Erie County



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Dolores Funke, P.E. Awarded 2010 Basinski- Wohler Distinguished Service Award

Dolores Funke, P.E. has been awarded the 2010 Basinski-Wohler Distinguished Service Award by the Erie-Niagara Chapter of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers. Dolores has served as a senior public health engineer with the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) since 2001, managing the public drinking water compliance program. Dolores is a licensed professional engineer in New York, with 32 years of experience in environmental, water/wastewater, and public health engineering. Prior to her service with Erie County, she worked for 22 years in private industry, consulting firms and private consulting, where her responsibilities included design, research and consulting services. Dolores also taught high school mathematics for 8 years before entering the engineering field and has taught at the university level for 15 years during the course of her engineering career. In addition, she has mentored numerous engineering interns during her tenure in public health engineering.

Dolores earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from SUNY at Buffalo, and has completed graduate studies in the Civil/Environmental Engineering Department of SUNY at Buffalo. She also holds Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Secondary Mathematics Education from the State University College at Buffalo.

Dolores has been an active member of the Erie/Niagara Chapter of NYSSPE since 1981, having served as President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Director, Chair of the Environmental Affairs Committee, Bulletin Editor, Chair of the Nominating Committee, Chair of the Awards Committee, Member of the Engineers' Week Committee, Member of the Scholarship Committee, TSC Representative and Liaison to the Environmental Education Institute. Dolores has also volunteered regularly at her church, her children's schools and her neighborhood civic association. Volunteer service has enriched her life immensely.

Dolores is a native of North Buffalo and her husband, Doug (also an engineer), is a native of Niagara Falls. They have lived in Amherst for 30 years, where they raised their 3 children. While they enjoy traveling throughout the United States and internationally, their love of Western New York remains strong.

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