I retired from the City of Springfield CWLP in 2017 where I was the Department of Land and Water Resources Supervisor from 2004 to 2017, overseeing the management of Lake Springfield and Hunter Lake land and farm leases. I also served as CWLP's liaison involving the 170,000-acre Lake Springfield Watershed at the Sangamon County SWCD board meetings, and on the Lake Springfield Watershed Resource Planning Committee.

From 2000 to 2004, I was Supervisor of the Department of Land and Water Resources with the IL Department of Agriculture, working with all 98 Illinois SWCDs implementing conservation practices and protecting farmland. From 1986 to 2000 I was Farm Lease Manager with the IL Department of Natural Resources. In addition, I farmed our family's livestock and grain farm for over 30 years and continue to manage this farmland today. I served as Trustee of The Sangamon Conservancy Trust for 13 years working to preserve and protect farmland in central Illinois.