

PEG ELMER, AICP

Education: '97 Associate, Leadership Institute, Snelling Center for Government
AICP, American Institute of Certified Planners
M.C.P. (Master of Community Planning), 1976, University of Rhode
Island
B.S. 1974, Natural Resource Management, University of Rhode Island

Work Experience:

- 2007-present: **Associate Director, Land Use Institute, Vermont Law School**
coordinating land use research and education projects with student
research associates in cooperation with state and national partners.
- 1998-2007: Planning Director, VT Department of Housing & Community Affairs in
the Agency of Commerce and Community Development. Managed a
division responsible for administering up to \$15 million in state
community planning funds, federal FEMA and EPA funds. Responsible
for coordinating education and training for local volunteer land use
decision-makers through publications, websites and conferences.
Coordinated state housing, growth centers and planning policy and goals
to meet Vermont's unique smart growth strategies. Success at gaining
funding outside state appropriation was key to maintaining the Division.
Accomplishments, such as the interstate interchange policy and guidance,
gained national "smart growth" recognition/awards.
- 1993-1998 Coordinator, Community Planning Program, VT Department of Housing
& Community Affairs. Co-chaired Vermont Onsite Sewage Committee for
5 years, gaining federal demonstration grants, managing consultant
contracts and guiding controversial legislation to reform onsite wastewater
treatment standards. Coordinated the Growth Centers Pilot Project.
- 1989-1993 Director, Land Use Policy Program, Vermont Natural Resources Council.
Responsible for directing the organization's education and advocacy on
state land use policy; included being a registered lobbyist and organizing
conferences, workshops and publications as well as directing the Action
Center to provide assistance to citizens getting involved in local, regional
or state land use decision-making.
- 1987-1989 Assistant to the Secretary, VT Agency of Natural Resources. Included
staffing the Governor's Commission on Vermont's Future, which led to
Act 200; staffing the New England Governor's Conference on land
conservation initiatives; coordinating Northeast acid rain conferences,
coordinating the first international agreement on the management of Lake
Champlain; and coordinating state interagency responses on permit
applications

1985-1987 Asst. District Coordinator, VT Environmental Board. District V administration of Act 250.
1981-1985 Town Planner/Zoning Administrator, Jericho, Vermont
1979-1981 Town Planner/Zoning Administrator, Shelburne, Vermont
1976-1978 Consultant Planner for Sno-Engineering, Inc, and Co-Manager of Trackmaster, an outdoor environmental education and ski touring center.
Earlier summer and short-term jobs with Wilbur Smith Assoc, int'l transportation consultants on EIS; Massachusetts Coastal Zone Mgt Program, and 3 different regional planning commissions.

Publications:

Land Use Planning in Vermont: 15 Years After Act 200; 2004; VT Department of Housing & Community Affairs
History of Planning in Vermont ; 1999; VT Department of Housing & Community Affairs;
On-Site Sewage Reform Land Use Implications Study; 1997; VT Department of Housing & Community Affairs
The Management of Individual On-Site Sewage Systems in Vermont; 1995; VT Department of Housing & Community Affairs

Awards and Affiliations:

“Outstanding Professional Planner” 1999, Vermont Planners Association Northern New England Chapter of American Planning Association (Vice Pres/President-Elect), was elected by Vermont Planners Association membership as the Vermont Director 2003-07. (Included chairing major New England professional conference every 3 yrs)

Association of VT Conservation Commissions, founding director and President, Board of Directors, 1991-2001

Vermont Earth Institute, 2001-2003; Central VT League of Women Voters; Central VT Council on Aging, Advisory Committee; Rte 2 Citizens Alliance, founder 1991 to present

Other Community Service:

Town of Cabot: Conservation Commission (10 years, including being Co-Chair), Wastewater Task Force (past), Economic Development Council founding director and Vice-Chair (past), UDAG Committee (past, elected position administering \$2 million community fund), Planning Commission (past, Vice-Chair)

Regional: Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (past Vice-Chair), 1996 Democratic candidate for Wash-Caledonia seat in Vermont House of Representatives

Family:

Three children: Kate with B.A from Smith College, Masters from UVM in ecological planning, is UVM employee matching professors/students to

community service research needs; Brad has B.S from UVM, working toward PhD in biochemistry at UC-Davis; his twin Chris graduated from Savannah College of Art and Design and does special effects for the Rhythm and Hues Studio (incl: Alvin & the Chipmunks) in LA.