

Erik W. Hetzel, AICP/PP, LEED AP

Education

1993: B.A. Geography and Planning,
West Chester University

2000: Master of Regional Planning,
University of Pennsylvania

Professional Certifications

American Institute of Certified Planners

Professional Planner, State of New
Jersey (License No. 33LI00621700)

Professional Affiliations

American Planning Association

Pennsylvania Planning Association

Mr. Hetzel provides professional consulting services to public and private sector clients seeking a wide range of land planning expertise. He has a diverse background in geography, land planning, community/fiscal/environmental impact analysis, technical management, project management, and in the application of geospatial technologies to planning and engineering projects. He has been qualified as an expert to testify before numerous municipal zoning, planning, and elected boards and commissions; prepared community fiscal and environmental impact analyses; coordinated the development and adoption of local and multi-municipal comprehensive plans; applied land planning and fiscal analysis expertise to complex tax appeal assessment cases; analyzed and drafted zoning ordinances; and managed the preparation of site designs and site plans. He maintains a high proficiency using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for mapping projects and land planning analyses.

Mr. Hetzel's professional experience spans more than twenty-five years working at principal and senior-level positions in private-sector and non-profit organizations. In 2014, Mr. Hetzel established BH Creative Services, a professional land planning consulting practice. Previously, he spent eleven years working at Glackin Thomas Panzak Inc., a privately-owned land planning and landscape architecture firm in Paoli, PA. Before that, he held a position at Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI), where he used his extensive GIS and planning experience leading enterprise GIS solutions for county and local governments. Prior to his tenure at ESRI, Mr. Hetzel spent twelve years at Weston Solutions, Inc. as a Technical Manager, working on projects that ranged from planning and engineering consulting for municipal governments, to complex environmental analyses and assessments on large projects of regional scope.

Mr. Hetzel resides in Paoli, Pennsylvania, and has served on numerous municipal boards and commissions. He most recently served on the Open Space Review Board in Willistown Township. He is a past member of the East Whiteland Township Planning Commission, where he served as Chairman for three years. In that role, he was the liaison between the Township Environmental Advisory Council and the township's Planning Commission. Mr. Hetzel has also served on the West Whiteland Township Planning Commission and spent two years as West Whiteland's delegate to the West Chester Regional Planning Commission.