

# Department Staff

## Department Staff Members

**EDWARD J. COAR** - Mr. Coar has served as Wayne County's Director of Planning since May 1990. He received a B.A. in Geography/Urban and Regional Planning from Bloomsburg University. He also served as Assistant Director of Planning in Wayne County from 1978 through 1985. Mr. Coar serves as an instructor with the Wayne County chambers of commerce's Leadership Wayne Program. He is a member of the Northeast Section of the Pennsylvania Planning Association and Chairman of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Rural Transportation Committee, which covers Carbon, Monroe, Pike, Schuylkill and Wayne Counties. Mr. Coar also serves as Chairman of the Wayne County Oil and Gas Task Force.

**CHRISTOPHER J. BARRETT** – Planner/GIS Specialist II, Mr. Barrett began his employment with the Wayne County Department of Planning on July 31, 2000. After graduating from Lock Haven University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Biology, he was employed by Synergist, Incorporated, which is an environmental consulting firm located in Carbondale, Pennsylvania. Mr. Barrett is an alternate member of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Rural Transportation Committee. He is also a member of the Planning Sub-Committee of the Wayne County Oil and Gas Task Force. In his spare time, Mr. Barrett enjoys golfing, hunting and fishing. He currently resides in Jessup with his wife Kristin, their son Kyle and daughter Kayla.

**JASON B. HOLLISTER** – GIS Analyst, Mr. Hollister began his employment with Wayne County Department of GIS on May 29, 2007 and joined the planning staff with consolidation of the planning and GIS departments in December 2011. He is a graduate of North Pocono High School and Millersville University where he earned a B.A. in Applied Geography. In the fall of 2006, he was selected to represent Millersville University in The Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS), a semester-long internship program run by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. He was placed within the Department of Community and Economic Development in the Governor's Center for Local Government Services in Harrisburg. Mr. Hollister resides in Jefferson Township with his wife and two Boston Terriers, Phoenix and Cooper.

**TERRY A. MAHN** – GIS Technician, Miss Mahn began her employment with the Wayne County GIS Department in December 2009. Prior to her position with the GIS Department she worked in the Wayne County Tax Assessment Office as a Data Entry/ Mapping Technician since June 2003. During the same time, she worked closely with the GIS Department on multiple programs and projects. With the consolidation of the planning and GIS departments in December of 2011, Miss Mahn joined the planning department. Miss Mahn resides in Cherry Ridge Township and enjoys kayaking the local waterways, camping, fishing, hikes with her Husky named Storm and most of all, time with her family.

**CRAIG E. RICKARD** – Senior Planner, Mr. Rickard began his employment with the Wayne County Department of Planning on January 2, 1991. He is a graduate of Honesdale High School and Bloomsburg University where he earned a B.A. Degree in Geography with a concentration in Environmental Planning. Mr. Rickard is a Board member of the Northeastern Pennsylvania

Alliance (NEPA) and an at-large (alternate) member of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Rural Transportation Committee. He is also a member of the Wayne County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). He enjoys working on his family farm and playing basketball, golf and volunteering his time to youth sports. He resides in Texas Township with his wife Kim and their two sons, Colin and Ethan.

**DEBBIE S. VARCOE** – Planning Technician, Mrs. Varcoe began her employment with the Wayne County Department of Planning in January 2000. Prior to her position with the Planning Department she worked as a Career Consultant for Wayne County Job Training since January of 1986. Mrs. Varcoe lives in Dyberry Township with her husband Bruce.

**DEREK F. WILLIAMS** – Planner/GIS Specialist I, Mr. Williams began his county planning career in 2007. He is a graduate of Honesdale HS and Shippensburg University [B.S. in Geo-Environmental Studies/certification in Geographic Information Systems]. Before planning, D. Williams interned at a community supported agriculture farm/sustainable living center at Wilson College and traversed Wayne County as a special agent of the PA West Nile Virus Program. Planner Williams lives in Dyberry Forks, PA and enjoys; books, chai, cities, family, forests, friends, fried ice cream, frisbee, Legos, maps, movies, museums, music, parks, pedacycles, public transit, running, snowshoeing, stickers, strolling, t-shirts, trails, and vegetables.

## **Planning Commission Solicitor**

### **R. Anthony Waldron, III**

Attorney Waldron graduated from Villanova University in 1974 and from Dickinson School of Law in 1977. He was admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania in November 1977. He has maintained a law practice in the Hawley area for over thirty years, with a primary focus in Real Estate and Land Use Law. Mr. Waldron also specializes in representing property owners and land trusts in Conservation Easement transactions.

The Land Use practice includes representation of both municipal and private clients. He presently represents several municipalities and zoning hearing boards as primary or alternate solicitor in Pike and Wayne Counties. For the past eight years he has served as school board solicitor for the Wallenpaupack Area School District. He also serves as the solicitor for the Wayne County Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

Mr. Waldron is past president of the Pike County Bar Association and serves as board member and legal counsel for the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, Hawley Library, Black Bear Music Conservatory, Downtown Hawley Partnership and the Wallenpaupack Historical Society. Attorney Waldron resides in Hawley.