

Eileen Hughes
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Eileen Hughes is the senior environmental planner and a vice-president of Straughan Environmental Services, Inc. With over twenty years of experience in the transportation planning industry, she has had the opportunity to support environmental analyses to support every mode of transportation, including highways, light rail, heavy rail, monorail, shipping, airports, and even a brief effort with the early space shuttle program. She specializes in social and economic studies but over the years has had the opportunity to gain a dangerous level of knowledge regarding a variety of environmental issues. She has a bachelor's degree in urban studies and continuing education in negotiation and facilitation, economics, and transportation.

Eileen lives in Silver Spring, MD with her husband, three children, and a dog that specializes in breaking into trashcans and barking at squirrels. She says her favorite part of community effects analysis is talking with the public because even though citizens can be angry and upset about a major project, rarely do they exceed the level of surliness that her teenagers achieve from time to time!



Don Sparklin
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Donald Sparklin is an Assistant Division Chief in the Project Planning Division of the Maryland State Highway Administration, and is responsible for the Division's Environmental Planning Section. The Environmental Planning Section is responsible for preparing environmental documentation for state and federal funded projects, undertaking technical studies (including those for community impact assessment, socio-economic and land use), and coordinating projects with federal, state and local agencies. He has been with the Maryland State Highway Administration for 20 years, the last four as an Assistant Division Chief. Before that, he was the environmental/project manager for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Improvement Study and the group leader for the Environmental Planning Section's socio-economic and land use analysis group. He has a bachelors degree in sociology and a masters degree in community planning, both from the University of Maryland.

