

Terrie TerMeer

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Biography:

Terrie TerMeer recently retired from public service after 36 years of serving in various levels of state and local government. Under the leadership of the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), Terrie held the position of Chief of the Division of Materials & Waste Management (DMWM), a division responsible for regulating nonhazardous waste programs including solid waste, infectious waste, scrap tire management and construction and demolition debris. In less than two years, Terrie developed and implemented a reorganization of the division, realigned the former hazardous waste program back into a sister division, reinstated program units and identified new program units to ensure successful implementation of its regulatory responsibilities. Terrie further identified a need and a program to support a sister agency in a statewide effort to prevent the spread of Zika. The Mosquito Control Grant Program has provided grant funding to nearly 50 public health departments since the program was created.

Prior to being named chief at Ohio EPA, Terrie served as Assistant Chief in the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA). As the Deputy Chief of the Division of Recycling & Litter Prevention at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), a position held since 2003, Terrie transitioned the program to the Ohio EPA in 2012. Terrie has a long history of public service, having been on the senior management team for Governor Bob Taft, after working for nearly two years as his Deputy Director of Special Events while he served as the Secretary of State. Prior to joining the Secretary of State's Office, she served nearly five years as the Special Assistant to former Columbus Mayor Gregory S. Lashutka. She also served on the organizing committee for AmeriFlora '92 and later was appointed as the Director of Public Affairs and EEO Officer.

In addition to having a strong background in community affairs and government relations, TerMeer has a solid understanding of environmental issues. She served as Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Gahanna from 1984-1988 and worked as the Legislative Assistant to the Director while at ODNR from 1977 to 1983.

A resident of Dublin, Ohio, and mother of two adult children, TerMeer holds a bachelor's degree from Otterbein University.