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I am a conservation biologist holding a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, with over 30 years experience in national and international natural resource management. Since 2010, I have focused on land use planning and management with an emphasis on phragmites control, buffer planting near wetlands, dune ecology, and wildlife habitat restoration.

Recent and ongoing projects include:

- Georgica Pond restoration, East Hampton. I am obtaining the permits to control phragmites on more than a dozen properties, and the Trustee-owned bottomlands; and I am working with others on actions needed to reduce the excess nutrient levels in the pond, including exploring dredging options.
- Great Pond Creek restoration, North Haven. I obtained the permits to control phragmites and evaluate whether dredging may be needed.
- Phragmites control on Hook Pond (East Hampton)
- Phragmites control on a pond within Lions Head (East Hampton)
- Phragmites control and shoreline restoration on properties on Sagg Pond, Mecox Bay, and Sag Harbor Cove (Southampton)
- Phragmites and water lilies control on Wickapogue Pond (Southampton)
- Grassland restoration (Montauk)
- Landscaping to promote native plant species and enhance wildlife in several private residences on the East End.

Prior to going into private practice as a natural resource consultant, I served as Director of Preserves for the Nature Conservancy on Long Island from 1999 to 2010, where I was responsible for overseeing the stewardship of hundreds of acres of lands and worked with local governments to review and strengthen the regulations governing activities in sensitive habitats, including wetlands and coastal dunes.

My prior professional experience includes work with the World Resources Institute on tropical deforestation initiatives, work with the U. S. Congress Office of Technology Assessment on environmentally appropriate agricultural development in Africa, short-term consultancies for USAID throughout Africa, and seven years working and living in the West Indies developing a regional program to conserve the biodiversity of the Eastern Caribbean.

I also have owned Wild Bird Crossing in Bridgehampton Commons since 1998, a retail store that specializes in products for backyard bird feeding and nature appreciation.