



Additional Information about the Executive Director

In December 2004, Forrest Westall retired from State government after 28 years. Forrest was awarded The Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 2005 for this service. He joined McGill Associates, a respected Asheville firm. He is a Principal with the company. Forrest served on the NC Environmental Management Commission and the NC Mining Commission. He is a registered professional engineer in North Carolina and Tennessee.

Forrest brings unique experiences and perspectives. He has served as an advisor to many non-profit, local government, private sector, and advocacy groups on natural resource issues. In 2011, Forrest was presented with a Land-of-Sky Regional Council Friend of the River Award.

Forrest's background includes efforts to address many water quality issues in North Carolina. He helped establish many critical water quality management approaches. Forrest has been deeply involved with the development of eutrophication management in NC's waters. His career has focused on balancing public policy issues, need for growth, and maintaining good water quality. This experience provides a solid foundation for guiding the work of the UNRBA.

EDUCATION:

Master of Civil Engineering Degree - North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina

Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering - North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina