

Benefits of a Sabbatical Year
With Your State
Department of Environmental Protection
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1997 - Sabbatical

- Funding
 - 50% university funding
 - 50% KYDEP funding
- Assignment
 - KPDES Permit Branch
 - New Watershed Branch
- Tasks
 - Electronic permitting
 - Watershed management framework
- Goal
 - Build relationships

Benefits

- Over \$3 million in KY DEP funding since 1998
 - 30 watershed projects/TMDLs
- Help launch Kentucky Watershed Watch
 - Statewide volunteer sampling network
- Established relationship with Kentucky River Authority (\$ 2 million in funding)
 - Coordinate all watershed management activities in the basin
 - Serve as a technical advisor water supply issues
- Tracy Farmer Center for the Environment
 - \$ 4 million gift to start a new environmental center
- Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission
 - Member (1 year)
 - Chair (3 years)

Kentucky Center of Excellence for Watershed Management

- In 2011, the KWRRI was recognized as a Center of Excellence for Watershed Management by Region 4 EPA



Benefits

- Established a relationship with Congressman Hal Rogers Office
 - Eastern KY PRIDE project (\$ 1.2 million)
 - NIHS (\$ 3 million)
- Established a relationship with Senator Mitch McConnell
 - \$10 million DOE funding to focus on environmental issues at the Paducah Uranium Gaseous Diffusion Plant Superfund Site
 - KY Research Consortium on Energy and Environment
 - \$24 million NIEHS funding
 - University of Kentucky Superfund Center

Continuing Relationships

- Bruce Scott – Commissioner KY DEP
 - My sabbatical supervisor
- Sandy Gruzesky
 - Former graduate student – worked on the first funded KY DEP project
 - Director of KY Division of Water
 - Deputy Commissioner of KY DNR
- Federal level
 - Senator McConnell's office
 - Congressman Rogers's office