

Employee Spotlight

Greenplay Welcomes John Drew as Newest Consultant



GreenPlay is pleased to add John Drew to our lineup of top-notch consultants. John will be based in Naples, FL, where he recently relocated after a strong career in Indiana. John brings a unique set of skills and experiences. He spent 15 years working in various management positions in the

private sector. This complements his Recreation and Parks experience with Indiana University, and nearly 10 years of managing parks and recreation planning projects.

A native of Indiana, John began his career in the private sector. As a child he spent several years in Germany where he learned that language. Then, during college, he had an opportunity to visit Russia, where he became fascinated with the Russian people and culture. He learned Russian and after college was able to work in a variety of positions that required frequent visits to Russia. After about 9 years, all the travel became a strain on his family and he decided to go back to school and get his Masters degree in Recreation and Parks Administration. That led to a long stint as Program Manager at the Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands, a part of Indiana University.

John has worked as a consultant to the National Park Service, state and local parks and recreation agencies, and various non-profit organizations. This work included project management for numerous parks and recreation master plans using universal planning principles and extensive public engagement. In addition, John managed the design and implementation of several online and classroom training courses for a nationwide audience of National Park Service employees. Besides system-wide master plans, He also worked on projects including business plans, fee analysis, and feasibility studies, as well as recreation facility and park site plans.

One of John's many talents is the ability to gather and analyze data and then use it to formulate and implement strategies that drive organizations toward achieving their goals. He is a skilled strategist with experience facilitating, creating, and implementing strategic plans. He is an experienced researcher and analyst of both quantitative and qualitative data, and a proven leader, who inspires and organizes teams to be efficient and productive.

John says his greatest strength is as a Public Engagement Expert. He enjoys the role of Facilitator and is able to dig deep to reach the silent voices of a community. He will reach out to schools and cultural organizations and solicit input from people of all socio-economic levels to be sure that all points of view are represented.

John is a life-long swimmer, and strives to get an hour of laps in at least every other day. From his new home in Florida, he also enjoys walking, hiking and kayaking, as well as frequent visits to the beach.

To learn more about John, check out his [Resume here](#).