

# Announcement



## Don Jones, PhD joins GreenPlay Team

GreenPlay is pleased to add Don Jones, PhD, to our lineup of top-notch consultants. Don's new role at GreenPlay will be as a part-time Trends and Demographic Research Assistant and Project Consultant. Don will be based in Orlando, FL where he has resided for the past seventeen (17) years.

Don spent the past three years commuting between Manassas, VA and Orlando, FL while he served as the General Manager for the Freedom Aquatic and Fitness Center. The Freedom Center is the result of a unique public partnership – a Tripartite Agreement between George Mason University (GMU), Prince William County, and the City of Manassas, VA. While serving in the role of General Manager, Don also became an Adjunct Professor at GMU, teaching classes in Research Methods in Recreation, Sports, and Tourism and Recreation Administration and Planning. Don continues teaching all of his classes online from his home in Orlando, FL.



A native of Richmond, VA, Don began his career in Recreation and Parks while working as a Center Supervisor followed by serving as the Sports Coordinator for the Southwest District of the City of Richmond, VA. Don then went on to become the Athletic Director for Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation Department earning the New County USA Program Award for Fitness Programs.

While working in parks and recreation, Don's career took an interesting turn during the running boom of the 70's. Don became very intrigued by the nascent marathon running craze, and pursued a Master's Degree in Exercise Physiology at Virginia Commonwealth University. In 1977, he completed the first of his three New York City Marathons. Don later went on to earn his PhD in Movement Science Education at The Florida State University.

After finishing his PhD, Don became the Director of the Sentara Hampton Health & Fitness Center. Don continued his work with wellness initiatives and became the Executive Director for The Fitness Centre & Day Spa at Florida Hospital Celebration Health. Don then became a Consultant for Power Wellness, a medical fitness center management firm, and advised clients in the U.S. as well as in Nakagawa, Japan.

Don is a lifelong runner, and has resumed his passion for tennis and golf. He has also taken up long-distance cycling, as he and his wife prepare for a six-day bike trip in Tuscany, Italy. However, reading and research remain some of Don's greatest interests. Don now brings his solid background to GreenPlay to excel in his new position researching Trends and Demographics, along with working as a Project Consultant on select projects.

[Click here to view Don's Resume.](#)

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