

MICHAEL D. RITCHIE

Michael D. Ritchie joined Dolph Rotfeld Engineering, P.C., in January 2003, following a highly successful thirty-two year career as a Manager in the public sector. As a Project Manager with Dolph Rotfeld Engineering, he is assisting numerous communities to meet their MS4, Phase II Stormwater requirements and has successfully coordinated a 17 member consortium to obtain New York State funding assistance to implement their stormwater plans. The ongoing assistance includes providing public education, participation, construction site management, illicit discharge and detection, training and good housekeeping measures. The grants obtained provided funding for outfall mapping, drafting legislation, and providing required stormwater management training. Mr. Ritchie is also currently leading teams of professionals to prepare FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plans for the Town/Villages of Harrison and Mt. Kisco.

Immediately prior to joining DRE, he completed a five-year term with the City of New Rochelle serving for the last three years as Commissioner of Economic Development. His duties included supervision of the Building Department, Planning staff, as well as responsibility for Economic Development and Housing. Several major projects were completed during his tenure including New Roc City, Avalon on the Sound, conversion of a former Bloomingdale Department store, vacant for over 25 years, to a market rate residential condominium use, and numerous public works projects including a three million dollar downtown streetscape improvement and a 1.9 million dollar new urban park at the site of the City's public library.

Prior to his tenure with the City of New Rochelle, Mr. Ritchie was a Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Works for several years with primary responsibility for facility and highway maintenance. In addition, he was instrumental in initiating the start-up for the county's recycling program in compliance with the New York State mandate of 1992. This effort included successfully recruiting the county's forty-three municipal governments into a voluntary cooperative program that continues today.

Before joining the Westchester County Executive's staff, Mr. Ritchie was Village Manager of the Village of Port Chester from 1977 until 1992. In this capacity he oversaw a village staff of over two hundred employees in all Village departments. A major redevelopment effort was instituted for a hundred acre downtown urban renewal area.

He is a native of western Pennsylvania having graduated from Allegheny College with a BA in 1969. Subsequently, he earned his Master's Degree in Public Administration with a concentration in Urban Planning from the Rockefeller School of Public Affairs at the State University of New York at Albany. He is Past President of the Municipal Management Association of Metropolitan New York and the New York State Municipal and County Managers Association.