

Deborah Herr Cornwell - Bio

As a licensed landscape architect in Maryland and New Jersey, Debbie has worked in the private, nonprofit and government sectors over the past 30 years. Drawing on her experiences working in a multi-disciplinary design firm and as a sole practitioner, she has designed and constructed environmentally sensitive projects for private and government clients.

Debbie is currently the Manager of the Natural and Working Lands Unit in the Research, Review and Policy Division at the Maryland Department of Planning. She supports the Department's work on Chesapeake Bay issues, Climate Change and the Patuxent River. Previously, Debbie worked at the county government level assisting citizens in navigating the development review and approval process, preserving agricultural lands and developing local policies. She has been active in the HWGIT since 2017.

Originally from Cape May County, New Jersey, Debbie has lived on Maryland's Eastern Shore since 1995. She previously worked for the Caroline County Department of Planning and Codes as Assistant Director of Planning, Long Range and Agricultural Planner and Critical Area Program Manager. Prior to working for Caroline County, she was in private practice with Herr Landscape Architecture where she developed and managed a wide variety of design projects, including the Egypt Road Restoration Project in Dorchester County. Debbie is a graduate of Temple University and Rutgers University – Cook College.

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