

# John R Elliott

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
ERIE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**



## **EDUCATION**

Graduate Courses in  
Public Administration  
Gannon University and Aquinas College

Master of Science, Civil Engineering  
Michigan State University

Bachelor of Science  
Calvin College

## **REGISTRATION – CERTIFICATION**

Professional Engineer -- Pennsylvania

Certified Construction Specifier

## **AFFILIATIONS**

President, Erie Neighborhood Growth  
Partnership

Member, Erie Metropolitan Planning  
Organization

Member, Erie Community Foundation  
Board of Advisors

Member, Pennsylvania Housing Alliance  
Board

Member, Hamot Hospital Board of  
Incorporators

## **AWARDS**

2008 Governor's Award to ERA for  
Excellence in Local Government

2008 Young Erie Professionals  
Generation-e Leadership Award

As Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie, Mr. Elliott is responsible for vision, leadership, and administration of the organization and its \$11M annual program. In three years leading the ERA, Mr. Elliott has grown the organization budget by over 300% while cutting overhead rates by half. The Authority's ten staff members carry out programs including urban planning, land recycling, neighborhood revitalization, housing rehabilitation, infrastructure projects, and commercial real estate development.

ERA's work has broadened to include comprehensive revitalization of Erie's downtown. The 2006 downtown plan is a statewide model for urban revitalization planning, leading to presentation at the American Planning Association's 2007 national conference and recognition by Governor Rendell with award of the Governor's Award for Excellence in Local Government.

In nine years with two regional consulting firms, Mr. Elliott worked on a wide variety of planning, design, environmental and construction projects.

- Planning work included land use, capital budgeting, recreational plans, environmental clearance documents, and transportation studies.
- As a project manager and designer, he oversaw projects from planning stages to construction, including: buildings, urban streetscapes, traffic control systems, underground utilities, wastewater lagoon remediation, and marine improvements.
- As a consultant, he served as City Engineer for Cedar Springs, Michigan.

## **PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE**

Urban Engineers of Erie, Inc.  
Erie, Pennsylvania  
Senior Project Manager

Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, Inc.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Project Manager / Civil Engineer