Joe Johnson, MS

About:

Joe's career is a testament to his versatility and adaptability. He began working as a part-time unloader at UPS in 1978, earning a BS in Sociology with a concentration in Earth Science. He became a partner at UPS when he moved to Worcester in 1985. Joe began as an unloader and progressed to become a developer of internet software and systems for and later managed International Logistics Projects. He retired from UPS in 2010 after 32 years of service. Joe then transitioned to a new role as a process



improvement consultant for four more years before becoming a home health aide for his oldest of two children, Joey, until he died in 2021. During his retirement, Joe has been actively volunteering with groups throughout the Blackstone River Watershed, showcasing his diverse career and ability to excel in different roles.

Joe's educational journey is a testament to his diverse interests and thirst for knowledge. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology of Urban Affairs with a concentration in Earth Science at Bridgewater State University in

1978. He completed some graduate work there in Energy Policy. He furthered his knowledge by completing three semesters of energy engineering technology courses at Massasoit Community College in 1980-1. In 2001, Joe earned his master's degree in Internet Engineering from Marlboro College in Vermont. More recently, Joe completed the UMass Amherst Green School 60-hour program in Arboriculture and the four-course certificate program on Invasive Plant Management, showcasing his unwavering commitment to continuous learning and professional development.

Joe dedicates his time to community work as a mentor and guide. Joe shares his knowledge and passion with others as a Worcester Tree Steward, Volunteer Forest Ranger with the Blackstone Heritage Corridor, and Volunteer for the Greater Worcester Land Trust. He can be found on the land around Worcester, leading by example. Joe's leadership in environmental initiatives is evident in his Facebook groups, Invasive Plants and Insects of Worcester, Massachusetts, and Dodge Park Renaissance, where he fosters a community of like-minded individuals and inspires them to make a difference.

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