



Virginia de Lima

After two teaching careers—one in second grade and another in Junior High science and math, Virginia joined the U.S. Geological Survey working in water resources. She retired in 2014 from the USGS after 33 years, working first as a ground-water modeler in Massachusetts¹ and then as a manager. She retired as Director of the USGS Connecticut Water Science Center. Virginia has continued to be involved with water issues in Connecticut as a member of the Water Planning Council's Advisory Committee. She also has helped in the development of the State Water Plan, chairing the Science and Technical Committee, and now co-chairing the Implementation Committee for the plan.

Virginia enjoys being active. She is a rower, likes to hike and cross-country ski, and uses her bicycle as transportation, often showing up to meetings on two wheels. She is a frequent volunteer and crew leader with Habitat for Humanity building houses in the Hartford area.

¹ For those of a certain age.... Virginia did the ground-water model that was the focus of the book and then the movie "A Civil Action." The book is very accurate and is well-worth reading; the movie, not so much.