

William E. (Bill) Sanford

Bill Sanford is a life time resident of Onondaga County. He served his country in the United States Army on active duty for three years and five years in the Active Reserve.

He is the senior partner and part owner of Brown & Sanford Consultants LLC. Bill's role as a partner includes dealing with solicitation of business clients, maintaining and servicing accounts and maintaining relationships with community leaders in the public and private sector.

Having lived in the community all his life, Bill has developed close relationships with community leaders and decision makers who are relevant to the success of Parson's goal to be the successful bidder on this project.

Legislator Sanford served 22 years, (14 as Chairman) in the Onondaga County Legislature and one term as a New York State Assemblyman. He was able to build long term relationships in the political arena due to these relationships where he retains respect and instant credibility with both sides of the political aisle.

Bill is currently involved as a board member in several charitable organizations and is working with several community leaders/groups on public interest projects to enhance the quality of life in Central New York.

Bill's education background (MA School of Education, Syracuse University) is highlighted by 39 years at the rowing coach for S.U. His involvement on the academic side included his team, year after year, being a leader in grade point average with a middle B. Bill's constant positive commitment to the academic side ensured him to the academic community, many who currently serve on the JSCB.

Bill's involvement in this community will insure that the Parsons "story" is relayed accurately, concisely and with credibility to all those involved in decision making regarding this project.

Bill Sanford was elected to his first term of the Onondaga County Legislature in 1979. He was elected Chairman in 1988 and held the position for 14 years. While serving in that position, Chairman Sanford was involved with several multi million dollar projects, from reviewing issuance of RFQ's and RFP's to assessing PLA's and ultimately voting on the bonding for the project. This involvement gives Bill an understanding of the process and the intricacies that lead to the successful candidate for the project. Examples of these public projects over the past two decades would be, Jamesville Penitentiary, County Jail, Convention Center, 911 Center, Court House, Waste to Energy Garbage Burning Plant, Metro Waste Water Treatment Plant and many others. Added together, represents over one billion dollars in community projects that Bill successfully steered through the County Legislature.

During the past two years, Bill has been working with Honeywell to help guide them through the many governmental procedures necessary to complete a 10 year, one half billion dollar project to clean up Onondaga Lake. Additionally, the responsibility to change the image of Honeywell from a "bad guy" in the community to an exemplary corporate citizen was given to the Brown & Sanford firm. Through much work and sound strategy, great strides have been made in this ongoing process.

He represented the 119th Assembly District which covered one half of Onondaga County. Constituent's service includes solving problems that involved cooperation between various government municipalities including villages, towns, the County and State. Relationships and reputations were built on the fact that in some cases, it was a "first" to seek and get the cooperation needed to successfully complete a project. Examples of the type projects that were addressed were in the area of Transportation (road and bridge repair), Drainage (flooded residential areas), Health (rodent infestation), and Education (special needs legislation).

He was responsible for oversight of vast State College systems. Discussed and made recommendations regarding areas of curriculum, cost to State resident as well as the cost of providing the education to State residents. Worked with and heard from many high level academia personal while researching the various aspects of higher education.

He was responsible for creating legislation that affected State Government with the goal of streamlining State Government operations as well as inter-municipal cooperation within the State of New York.

He served as a member of the Transportation Committee which allowed for debate and action on to major Public Works projects regarding (Highways, Air, Sea, and Rail). On a daily basis, lobbyist from all areas of the Transportation field would present their clients "pet projects" that would be entertained by the committee. The yearly budget was over ten billion dollars for transportation items.

When Chairman of the Onondaga County Legislature, he created and chaired the Onondaga County Infrastructure Commission made up of community leaders from the private and public sector. The commission's task was to review public works projects, influence the orderly expansion and preservation of community infrastructure such as highways, utilities, drainage, sewage systems, etc. to insure an orderly and planned expansion of our community.

The committee reviewed the County executive's 20 – 20 plan and made recommendations for orderly and financially prudent expansion to help insure remote settlements would not be built until areas, already semi-populated, were filled in so that existing infrastructures could be used to service them, thereby negating the need and expense for new systems.

Bill has been married to his wife Nancy, for 48 years. They have three daughters, (Sharon, Kris, and Jennifer) and six grandchildren.