

Saying Goodbye to Jill Barrett



Dear Stakeholders,

Our team is very sad to tell you that Jill Barrett, our project's public information consultant, passed away on July 22nd after being diagnosed with cancer just a few weeks ago.

Jill joined FHI in June of 2001 and helped advance FHI's Public Involvement practice. One of Jill's greatest talents was her ability to anticipate issues, advise her clients, manage a crowd, and diffuse controversial situations before they escalated. She pulled

no punches, was incredible wise, and she cared deeply about her projects, the communities where she worked, her clients, and FHI.

Just two short years ago, the Quechee Gorge Project began. Jill cared deeply about this project and was pleased with the results. She connected with the residents and heard their concerns. The installation of the temporary safety fence on the bridge caused few disturbances, and most importantly, contributed to discourage a serious public health issue of suicides on the bridge.

We will always keep Jill in our minds. Her talent and unique personality will always be a part of what has shaped the communities in which she has worked.

Shawna Kitzman, Jill's colleague who has been involved since the project onset, will be the public involvement consultant going forward. Please reach out to Shawna if you have questions or comments. Her number is 802-272-1248, or email skitzman@fhiplan.com.

Kindly,
The Quechee Gorge Bridge Project Team

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