

James A. Schmid
Delaware County

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James A. Schmid is a biogeographer and plant ecologist. Prior to moving to Pennsylvania he taught undergraduate and graduate courses in environmental science and ecology as a member of the Department of Biological Sciences at Barnard College and Columbia University. He has been employed as an environmental consultant for more than 40 years, heading his own firm since 1980. Schmid & Company, Inc., Consulting Ecologists, is known for its work in wetlands, environmental impact assessment, and regulatory analyses. Its clients include the business community and individuals seeking permits for construction of all kinds, conservation groups and homeowner associations, and regulatory agencies at the federal, state, and local levels. Dr. Schmid has published a number of books on the plants of the mid Atlantic states, as well as technical monographs and reviews of scholarly publications. He is certified as a Senior Ecologist by the Ecological Society of America and has served on its Professional Certification Board. He is certified as a Professional Wetland Scientist by the Society of Wetland Scientists and has served on its Certification Standards Committee. He served for more than 30 years on the Environmental Advisory Board of Marple Township (Delaware County) and a term as elected president of the Chester County Beekeepers Association. As cellists, he and his wife perform regularly as members of the Lansdowne Symphony Orchestra. They also sing in the Main Line Unitarian Church Choir and in the Bryn Mawr Renaissance Choir.

Education

BA Geography, Columbia College, New York NY (cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa)
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