

## **Rick Gitter, P.E.**

Mr. Gitter has 22 years of experience in the planning, design, and construction of residential communities consisting of single family, multi-family and age restricted housing. He has gained extensive knowledge of all facets of land development while employed by national and regional homebuilders, including Beazer Homes, a top ten homebuilder: DeLuca Homes, a medium sized family owned homebuilder: Del Webb Corp., a top ten homebuilder of active adult master planned communities: and Trafalgar House Residential, a start up operation in the United States by a British homebuilding company.

While leading the land development departments at Beazer Homes, DeLuca Homes, and Trafalgar House Residential, Mr. Gitter was responsible for implementation of the division's overall land development strategy to ensure fully improved lots were ready (for home construction) to meet the objectives of the company's business plan. This resulted in the need to entitle land and construct site improvements for "just in time" completion, allowing for closing of up to 400 houses per year. Mr. Gitter has simultaneously managed the operations of up to 15 projects in various stages of development including, but not limited to, feasibility and due diligence studies of new land acquisition opportunities, land use planning, development budget preparation, zoning and entitlements, and the construction management of site improvements. Mr. Gitter has assembled the necessary work teams through direct staff hires and by contracting with consultants and site contractors to whom Mr. Gitter provided the necessary leadership and direction required for success. With experience spanning diverse geographic markets in New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania, Mr. Gitter excels at developing strong working relationships with municipalities and outside agencies governing project work flow.

Mr. Gitter's career has also included overseeing the land development operations of larger scale master planned communities such as Del Webb's Sun City Texas; a 4600 acre active adult residential community located in Georgetown, Texas. Serving as the Director of Land Development, Mr. Gitter managed department staff, contractors, and consultants responsible for the entitlement, engineering design and construction of on-site improvements for each individual project phase.

Over the course of his business career, Mr. Gitter advanced both his technical and leadership skills while serving as a civil engineering officer for the United States Air Force. He recently retired from the New Jersey Air National Guard.

Mr. Gitter's educational background includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Michigan Technological University.