

# Terry Councill

**City and state:** Vienna, VA

**High school attended:** Lakes High School

**Graduation year:** 1987

**Colleges attended/degrees earned:**

- Bachelor of Science in Geology from George Mason University
- Master of Science in Environmental Science from John Hopkins University.



**Current career /job:**

Program Manager for the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Pesticide Regulatory Monitoring.

**Describe the path you took from high school graduation to where you are today:**

I was an Army brat and my father got stationed at the Pentagon. I went to a local university and got an internship at U.S. Geological Survey.

**How did your experiences in Clover Park School District help prepare you for this path?**

My science teachers taught me how to apply the principles I learned, not just memorize and forget the information.

**Who was the most influential teacher or administrator to you as a student in the district? Why?**

My chemistry/physics teacher used lots of examples, personal excitement and energy to the classroom.

**What opportunities exist in your career sector for new graduates? Is post-secondary education required for this field?**

For the sciences, you must go on to college and then graduate school to get a job in this field.