


Matthew Schieferstein, KPHS Class of 1995



The science bug bit Matthew Schieferstein at a young age with his involvement in the Scouting movement, where he learned to respect nature. In 1992 he became an Eagle Scout. In Kings Park High School he joined the Clam Club and the Student Environmental Action Society (S.E.A.S.). Mr. Robert Gelling opened up the world of environmental science when, in 1994, he and three other students spent a month sharing local environmental programs with students in Lithuania.

Majoring in Environmental Science at the Delaware Valley College in Pennsylvania, he joined the Sigma Nu chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, the national community service fraternity that was founded on the principals of Scouting. He also registered as an Assistant Scoutmaster with the Suffolk County Council, BSA contingent to the 1997 National Jamboree.

After college, Matt joined Anson Environmental, Ltd, a small family owned environmental company based in Huntington. After several years, he joined Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc., a nationally based company, working for a diversity of clients including homeowners, small companies, and a portfolio of 30 gas stations owned by a major oil company.

In 2008, he was recruited by Fenley & Nicol Environmental, Inc., a local environmental contracting firm based in Deer Park, to head up their environmental services division. In 2013, Matt became the Environmental Services Manager at Island Pump & Tank Corp., a family owned business that has been on Long Island for over 70 years. Here he leads a team of environmental technicians, environmental scientists, and geologists as they work to help keep our environment clean for future generations.

Matthew is still involved in Scouting. He serves as the Camping Chairman of Suffolk County Council, BSA. His responsibilities include encouraging all members of the program to get out of the house and enjoy the outdoors through camping. He encourages all to participate in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programs. Whether he is at work or volunteering with the Scouts, his actions, attitude, dedication and professionalism reflect the highest standards of the Scout Oath and Law.