## **ISI Member Spotlight - August 2020**







## The Berkley Group - Universal Challenges. Local Solutions

The Berkley Group provides sustainable and resilient community planning services, including Envision training, support, and project assessments for clients around the country. The Berkley Group's environmental program is led by Denise Nelson, P.E., ENV SP, who offers over 8 years of Envision experience. She has led two projects to earn Envision awards in 2020 and has other project applications in process.

With a former company, Denise was contracted by ISI as the verifier for the first project to receive an Envision award, the William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery in Anchorage, Alaska, (Gold, 2013). During that time, Denise was one of the first people to become an ENV SP, verifier, and ISI-approved Envision trainer. She is a past-chair of the ISI Education Committee that created the Envision in-person training course and the Train-the-Trainer course. She is an advocate for Envision, supporting its use on multiple projects and coaching other Berkley Group staff members on earning the Envision credential.

Leveraging the Berkley Group's focus on community planning, Denise has introduced Envision to professional planners and planning associations to incorporate Envision principles into comprehensive planning priorities.

The Berkley Group consists of local government leaders and managers who know and understand the challenges and opportunities for adopting sustainable infrastructure practices.



The Berkley team brings extensive expertise in providing government administration services including plan review and inspection service, project management, stormwater management, environmental services, public works, and current and long-range planning, among others. Environmental services include the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Program and Coastal Zone Management. By providing sustainable development support services, education, and outreach, they are advancing the implementation of advanced practices in Virginia, across the U.S., and in developing countries worldwide.





To learn about the Berkley Group and solicit their help and expertise, reach out to Denise Nelson at <u>denise@bgllc.net</u>