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Peggy Keppler began her career with the Eugene Public Works Engineering Division in June 1990 as an engineering aide. Now the Engineering Development Review Manager, she supervises a nine-person review team. The team is responsible for land use review of public works-related issues; subdivision, partition, condominium and cemetery plat review and approval; privately engineered public improvement infrastructure review and permitting; erosion prevention management; and public land appraisal, negotiating and acquisition.

The City of Eugene is a Phase I National Pollutant Elimination Discharge Permit agency required to implement stormwater quality standards for runoff from new development. Beginning with Eugene's 1994 permit, the City was required to adopt regulations for locating, designing, constructing, and maintaining stormwater quality facilities applicable to new development. Existing land use code addressed only stormwater destination (flood control). Keppler worked with staff and the development community to amend the land use code so that stormwater management practices for new development would include pollution reduction, flow control, oil control, and source control requirements as well as operation and maintenance standards for stormwater facilities.

While Keppler served as the Leadership and Management Committee Chair for APWA's Oregon Chapter, she noticed separation between different groups attending conferences. She established the First-Timer Mentor Program in 2004 to help new members feel welcome, rather than overwhelmed, at conferences. It was her idea to link each new member with a mentor from the chapter. She wanted to remove barriers that came between being a new member and taking an active role in the organization. The program serves as an informal guide for new members to progress within their chapter.

"Peggy has distinguished herself as one of the true leaders in the public works profession today, both within her organization and throughout the broader state and national network of her peers." – Kurt Corey, Director of Public Works, City of Eugene, Oregon