

FCDC NEWS

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FCDC Member Feature

Did you know we have a world recognized leading industry right here in Franklin County? It has been here since it was founded in 1976. It is one of the best kept secrets of a successful industry that resides right here in our backyard. I am talking about Water Systems Engineering. They are a water treatment company that provides services and products to assist in safe and effective water management for industry, communities, and individuals.



John H. Schnieders started the company in his garage. Does that sound like a true American story or what? John is still affiliated with the company but turned over the leadership to his son, Mike Schnieders, in 2010. The company has grown from John in his garage to 12 employees. Mike provides opportunities for his employees to expand their knowledge and skills by supporting ongoing training and education opportunities. He invests in his people and feels that his team and their commitment to solutions is what makes the company work

Their business is water system evaluation and resource management, and they maintain two lines of business. They provide consulting services to their clients to help them understand water issues or avoid water challenges in the future. The business uses a solution-based approach to help their customers solve their water issues. To meet this need, WSE operates its own in-house investigative and diagnostic laboratory. Mike says it is much like being a detective as they work to determine the issues and how to correct them long term. They look to see if a problem is a water issue, system issue, container issue, or a filtering issue. It truly is a process. They also provide specialized products (liquids and powders), that can be utilized to treat water systems and keep them safe and operational for many years.



The company has customers around the globe and here in Franklin County. They work with large cities, rural water districts, and industries all around the world. They have done work locally for USD 290 and Advent Health. This truly is a global company that very few of our citizens realize is here in Franklin County. They are a key industry in providing safe water resources for people all around the world.

Mike is a world recognized leader in his field, just as is his dad. They have both been selected as the McElliney Lecture in Water Technology by the National Groundwater Association, John in 2002 and Mike in 2017. Their textbooks, lectures, articles, and published papers are considered industry leading news around the globe. If you sit down and visit with Mike, you will quickly learn of his knowledge and his passion. He is truly committed to helping make a difference and with an eye on environmental sustainability.

Water Systems Engineering is a company that started in Franklin County over 45 years ago. They have grown over that time into a world leader. We can all be very proud that this great company calls Franklin County home. If you ever need someone to look at your water systems or just have a general question about their services, please reach out to Mike. You will be glad you did.

It is a GREAT day to live in Franklin County!

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