

## Volunteer Spotlight: Steve Williams



As we turn our thoughts to ones of gratitude during the holiday season, ECRT feels especially grateful for the hard work and positive energy that so many of our volunteers have contributed this past year. And **Steve Williams**, a resident of Orchard Park, is one of them. You may have seen or spoken with him at the Orchard Fresh Farmer's Markets this summer, enthusiastically engaging with the public on behalf of ECRT.

"This past summer volunteering at the Orchard Park farmers market was a great experience to reach out to neighbors and share our mission to make ECRT a reality," Steve reports. "The response was overwhelmingly positive with great anticipation by all."

Steve believes that joining the **Orchard Park Friends of ECRT** allows him to connect with nature and support his community. He wants to make his love for bike riding and the outdoors safer and better for everyone.

### Connecting with nature

Steve boasts a lifelong enjoyment of the outdoors. As a young boy on Long Island, he would ride his bike to meet friends, play in the woods, travel to baseball games and deliver newspapers. And he's still riding locally and in Florida, Boston and everywhere in between. Today every member of his family always had a bike—and they still do!

### Supporting the community

Steve's career in banking allowed him to work in NYC, Wilmington DE, and Buffalo. In 1988, he moved to Orchard Park, with his wife Theresa, and their two sons, Chris and Dan. While raising their family, Steve was also an Odyssey of the Mind coach and a Quaker Marching Band dad. Now that Steve is retired, he has more time to spend with family and friends.

"As time flies by, my childhood, school, career, marriage, parenting, and now growing older, I want to be outside and enjoy nature even more," says Steve. "OP is a beautiful place to raise a family and enjoy the outdoors. As a grandparent, I look forward to one day riding/walking the trail with my grandson, Lucas!"

Thanks, Steve for all you do for your family, the community, and for ECRT!