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Education:

1967: Bachelor degree in City Planning (BCP), University of Virginia.

1968-69: Graduate study in furniture design and Sculpture, Virginia Commonwealth University

Continuing education: Workshops in non-profit management and fund raising, oil spill and emergency response, response to peak oil, permaculture, “Deep Transition,” aquaponics, “short sea” shipping, alternative energy, social venture capital, impact investing, permaculture project supervision, and L3C (low profit companies)

Employment:

- April 2010 to present, Principal of Sustainability Solutions
www.andrewwillner.com.
- April 2008 to 2010, Principal of Andrew J. Willner, Inc. Sustainability Consultants
- April 2008 to present, principal professional consultant – Energy, Environment & Transportation, the Hugo Neu Corporation.
- June 2008 to June 2009, Visiting Public Scholar in Residence at Monmouth University Urban Coast Institute
- August 1989 to April 2008: Baykeeper and Executive Director of NY/NJ Baykeeper. (Raritan Baykeeper, Inc). www.nynjbaykeeper.org
- 1984 to 1989, partner in Kortchmar and Willner, Inc, boat builders and yacht restorers
- 1973 to 1984, CEO Andrew Willner Designs, Inc.
- 1970 to 1973, Woodworking craftsman in residence, Peters Valley Craft Center
- 1967 to 1969, Planner, CandeubFleissig and Associates City Planning Consultants

Teaching, Speaking, Opinion:

Guest lecturer at:

- Rutgers University
- Columbia University
- Rutgers University School of Law
- Monmouth University Urban Coast Institute

Teaching:

- Peters Valley Craft Center, in Layton, NJ,
- The Wooden Boat School in Brooklin, ME
- Workshops and symposia on environmental advocacy, ecological democracy, peak oil, permaculture, Transition, and sustainability.

Speaking engagement topic titles:

- *Working Waterfronts and Public Access*
- *Community Based Fisheries Management and Science*
- *The Port versus the Estuary*
- *The State of the Harbor*
- *Storm Water and Metal Recycling*
- *Responding to Oil and Chemical Spill, a Citizen's Role*
- *The Economic Value of Estuaries*
- *Ecological Democracy*
- *Brownfields to Greenfields*
- *The Public Trust Doctrine and Natural Resource Damages*
- *A Conservation Economy*
- *Making the Case for Oyster Restoration in the Hudson-Raritan Estuary*
- *Low Impact Development (Green Storm Water Management) for Combined sewer Overflow Abatement)*
- *Eco-tourism*
- *Wetlands or Parking Lots (They paved Paradise)*
- *Integrating Habitat Restoration into the Environmental Advocacy Agenda*

Speaking engagement topic titles continued:

- *Ecological Democracy*
- *Is a Sustainable New York Possible?*
- *Hudson-Raritan Ecotopia*
- *Pragmatic Sustainability*
- *The Passaic River can be saved.*
- *The role of NGO's in Environmental Enforcement*
- *Fish and Ships-photographs and narrative about the natural and unnatural Hudson-Raritan (NY/NJ Harbor Estuary).*
- *Water as a Human Right*
- *Buy Local, Hire Local*
- *Local Food Local Jobs*
- *Peak Water*
- *Transition NYC Bioregion*
- *Can New York City feed itself in a post carbon world?*

Additionally:

- He has been the subject of and has authored articles for national and regional newspapers, magazines, and interviewed for local and national television news and commentary programs.
- He has testified before committees of the New York City Council, The New York and New Jersey Legislatures, United State Congress Committees, and Community Boards and Councils throughout the bi-state region.
- He has written opinion/editorials for the New York Times, The Bergen Record, the Star Ledger (NJ), and the Asbury Park Press, and several on-line news outlets.
- He has Chaired a national conference on the Public Trust Doctrine, a regional conference on Natural Resource Damages (NRD), a regional conference on Low Impact Development (LID), and has been a keynote speaker, a panelist and chaired panels at national, regional, and local conferences.
- In June 2007 he was one of the Keynote speakers at the International Waterkeeper Alliance Conference in New Orleans, LA. He has traveled in this country and abroad for the Waterkeeper Alliance speaking with

public officials and non-government organizations about starting Waterkeeper programs. In 2007 Mr. Willner traveled to China with Waterkeeper staff members to help to start two Riverkeeper programs there.

Personal:

Mr. Willner lives in Keyport, NJ and is married to Jo-Ellen Trilling, a painter and sculptor. They have a daughter, Emily, a Physician. Mr. Willner’s hobbies include: fishing, diving, kayaking, bicycling, sailing, photography, woodworking, and front yard farming. He is currently working on three books, one a photo Essay about the Hudson-Raritan Estuary titled Fish and Ships, an environmental mystery novel called The Bayshore, and The Great Unraveling – or the Great Turning? Hospicing the End of an Era and Midwifing the Beginning of Another, a collection of ideas, essays, and stories about a post carbon America and how to get there.

He has exhibited and sold his photographs, and read from his works in progress. He has done the voice-over for his own character “the Baykeeper,” in an animated film “Ganymede: The Waterkeeper,” and is a cartoon figure “The Baykeeper,” in the educational children’s book, Go Wild New York City.

Memberships and Affiliations:

- 1990-2008: Member of the NY/NJ Harbor Estuary Program’s Habitat Work Group, and the Citizen Advisory Committee;
- 1990-1996: Member of the Citizen’s Advisory Committee for the Hackensack Meadowlands Special Area Management Plan;
- 1992-2007: Member of the Dredge Materials Management Work Group;
- 1990-1993: Member of The Safe Harbor Coalition (advising the Oil Spill Trustees on habitat restoration and acquisition);
- 1996-2001: Founder and advisor to the Liberty State Park Conservancy;
- 1995-1999: Founding board member and advisor to the Hackensack Meadowlands Preservation Alliance;
- 1998 to 2002: Principal, the Hackensack Meadowlands Partnership and Member of the Heron Collaborative
- 2001: Founding partner of the Hudson-Raritan Conservancy
- 1997 to 2008 Advisory Board Member Natural Resources Protective Association, Staten Island, NY.

Memberships and Affiliations continued:

- 1999 to 2011: Founding member and Board member of the Waterkeeper Alliance
- 1990-2008: Community representative to the Coast Guard Captain of the Port on Oil Spill Response Team
- 1995 to 2008: Client and case reviewer at the Rutgers Environmental Law Clinic Eastern Environmental Law Center), the Pace University Law School Environmental Litigation Clinic, and the Columbia University Environmental Law Clinic;
- 1993-96: Chair of the Highlands, NJ Environmental Commission.
- 2006- present Member Steering Committee, Keyport (Brownfields Development Agreement Committee, (BDA)
- 2002-2007 member of the Keyport, NJ Environmental Commission
- 2001-2005 Member of the Keyport, NJ Unified Planning Board
- 2008 to present, Trustee, NY/NJ Baykeeper
- 2009 to present Member of the Keyport, NJ “Green Team.”
- 2009 to present, Founder and member of the Arts Society of Keyport, NJ.
- 2010 to present, Member of the Keyport Garden Club
- 2006- Member of the Environmental Policy Committee, NJ Governor Corzine Transition Team.
- 2007 Member of the Newark, NJ Environmental Advisory Committee
- 2009, Member of the Advisory Board to the H209 (a conference celebrating Henry Hudson’s voyage to the Hudson River)
- 2009 to 2012, Member of the Board of Directors of the North Shore Waterfront Conservancy, Staten Island.
- 2011 to 2012, Member of the Waterkeeper Alliance Council
- 2011 to Present, Partner in CityFood Resources L3C

Awards and Accomplishments:

- The U.S. Committee for the United Nations Environmental Program, U.S. UNEP 500 Environmental Program Achiever;
- US Coast Guard Masters License, 100 ton Auxiliary Sail, 1983-1999

Awards and Accomplishments continued:

- Stewardship Recognition Award; New York State Department of Environmental Conservation;
- City Club, (New York City) “Earthling” Award for Clean Water;
- “Hero of the Harbor” Award, Waterfront Conference, Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance.
- Coastal Conservation Association NY, Conservationist of the Year Award.
- Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions Advocacy Award.
- US Fish and Wildlife Service, Special Appreciation Award.
- New Jersey DEP Lifetime Achievement Award
- Hackensack Riverkeeper Lifetime Achievement Award