

ELIZABETH V. GARDENER  
Denver, CO

April 1986 to present           Manager of Water Conservation, Denver Water  
August 1977 to March 1986   Public Relations Specialist, Denver Water

Responsible for: Coordinating efforts to implement Denver Water's Conservation Master Plan and accompanying Annual Plans. Initiate new water conservation programs, assist in drafting legislation supporting conservation. Create alliances with other water and non-water-oriented organizations and individuals to reduce water waste. Identify impacts of emerging trends upon the water industry and create appropriate responses. Prepare and deliver speeches and presentations to local, state and national organizations. Cooperate with other utility staff in implementing the Integrated Resources Plan (IRP) for Denver Water.

#### EDUCATION

B.S., Bethany Nazarene College, 1969, History and Social Studies (now Southern Nazarene University)  
M.S.M., Regis University, 1994, Leadership/Management

#### MEMBERSHIPS, HONORS, RECOGNITIONS

2001 Jane Silverstein Reis Foundation Award (to the Water Conservation Section) for a pioneering sense of awareness and stewardship of land use values in the Rocky Mountain Region.  
2000 Enos A. Mills Lifetime Achievement Award, from the Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education  
1999 Bob Cannon Annual Award for Loyal and dedicated Service to the Landscape Industry, awarded by the Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado  
1997 to present: Conference planning team member, CONSERV99, the major water conservation conference of the American Water Works Association  
Sept. 1997: Invited delegate with U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to the Republic of South Africa re: water conservation  
May 1995: Invited delegate with U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to the People's Republic of China re: water conservation  
1995 to present: Associate Member, Green Industries of Colorado, Executive Committee  
1993 to present: Co-founder, Colorado Water Conservation Alliance, now the Colorado WaterWise Council  
1992 to 1995: Member, National Water Conservation Advisory Committee, Central Utah Project

#### **American Water Works Association (AWWA)**

1993 to 1998: Chair, Advisory Committee for the National Water Efficiency Clearinghouse,  
1986 to present: Member, Conservation Committee,  
1990 to 1995: Co-chair, Education Subcommittee, Conservation Committee, currently a member  
1991 to 1995: Member, Conservation Legislation Subcommittee of the Conservation Committee,

1990 to present: Regional Vice-Chair for Rocky Mountain Region, Conservation Committee

1992 to present: Member of Conservation Committee, Rocky Mountain Section

1992 to 1996: Workshop facilitator, master's program in Environmental Policy and Management, University of Denver

1986 to present: Board member, Metro Water Conservation, Inc. (MWCI)

1989 to 1990: Secretary of the Board, MWCI

1991 to present: Board member, Xeriscape Colorado! Inc. (XC)

1991 to 1993: Chair of Long Range Planning Subcommittee, XC

1986 to 1991: Co-Founder and Board member of Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education

1976 to 1984: Member, Rocky Mountain Chapter, American Society for Training and Development (RMC ASTD)

1978 to 1984: Board member and Hospitality Chairperson, RMC ASTD

1984: Voted Most Outstanding Member, RMC ASTD

1980 to 1986: Board member, Rocky Mountain Futures Association

## PUBLICATIONS

- Inman, Elizabeth Seymore and Shellenbaum, Glen E. "Dialing for Dollars: Meters are a Monetary Plus (Universal Metering in Denver)" in Proceedings of CONSERV 90: The National Conference and Exposition Offering Water Supply Solutions for the 1990s. August 1990, Phoenix, AZ AWWA, Nat'l Water Well Assn., ASCE, American Water Resources Assn.
- "How to Develop and Implement a Water Conservation Plan: a Colorado Companion Guide to Before The Well Runs Dry, Vol. I" , Monograph Series No. 5 by Metro Water Conservation, Inc., August 1991 (co-author and editor)
- Inman, Elizabeth Seymore. "Water Conservation in Denver," in Proceedings of the 37th Annual New Mexico Water Conference: Multi-cultural, Multi-use: Planning New Mexico's Water Resources Future. November 1992, Taos, NM, New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute
- Inman, Liz. "The Journey to Systems Thinking at Denver Water," in Proceedings of the Annual Conference of the Rocky Mountain Association of Environmental Professionals, September 15-17, 1993, Denver, CO by RMAEP.
- Inman, Liz. Various articles on water conservation landscaping for The Denver Post, 1991 -1992
- Gardener, Elizabeth. Various articles on conservation landscaping for Water Wise, the monthly newspaper of Xeriscape Colorado, Inc., 1994.

## VOLUNTEER AFFILIATIONS

- Member, International Alliance of Social Architects
- Volunteer and former Board Member, Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education, Colorado Environmental Education Master Plan Project
- Member, Sustainable Futures Society
- Member, Starfish (the women's project for sustainability)

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Elizabeth V. Gardener is the water conservation manager for Denver Water, the wholesale and retail water utility serving most of the metropolitan area of Denver, CO. She has been with Denver Water for over 30 years.

She is a member of the Water Conservation Division of the American Water Works Association and past chair of the steering committee for WaterWiser: the Water Efficiency Clearinghouse. Liz is one of the founders of the Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education and of the Colorado Water Conservation Alliance, now called the Colorado WaterWise Council. She is a member of the Sustainable Futures Society, and of Starfish, an organization committed to making a positive impact for sustainability.

Her passion is to learn and use new tools to help create a sustainable world for everyone. She loves to garden in her newly Xeriscaped yard in southeast Denver. She loves planting seeds in the soil and planting seeds of thought in people's minds. Her focus is on seventh-generation decision-making.