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Bob's career in landscape architecture has focused on integrating people with the world around them through design. So much so that many of his projects designed to sustain healthy ecosystems have functioned for decades, yet people don't realize they haven't always been there and that anyone designed them. They just work and are part of people's lives, every day, and form an enduring legacy.

He started at Rutgers University in electrical engineering, but soon found his way to landscape architecture - the perfect combination of his interest in the science of how things work with his vision for science-based design that makes people's lives better.

Aside from a year in private practice with his brother, another practicing Rutgers landscape architecture graduate, Bob invested his entire career in public service with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, part of the federal U.S. Department of Agriculture. Throughout his career, Bob's work focused on restoring the ecological systems of large-scale landscapes and riparian systems. He directed major multi-agency federal and state investments. in rural and urban communities. Bob also implemented pioneering technologies in environmental planning and design for technical staff to help them implement mitigation, wetland, food damage reduction and habitat restoration projects.