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DNREC'S CHURA JOINS OCEAN ATLANTIC ASSOCIATES

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Ocean Atlantic Associate's President Preston A. Schell announced, Jan. 13, Mark Chura will join the agency in February.

"We are pleased that Mark has chosen to join our staff, and value the experience and enthusiasm he will bring to our company," said Schell.

Chura, who currently lives in Newark, worked for the state of Delaware for 20 years and spent the last 12 years as Delaware Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control's (DNREC) manager of Planning, Preservation and Development in Division of Parks and Recreation.

He completed undergraduate and post graduate programs at the University of Delaware and has a master's degree in public administration.

During his time at DNREC, Chura played a prominent role in projects like Blue Ball Properties, restoring Fort Delaware, and developing and implementing the Cape Henlopen master plan. Chura also played lead roles in adding close to 2,000 acres to Cape Henlopen State Park and constructing the recently opened Junction and Breakwater Trail.

"We feel that Mark's previous contributions in land preservation at the state level will fit well with Ocean Atlantic's continuing focus on responsible development and open space initiative," said Schell.

When Chura began his career with the state, he planned to stay for three to five years, but as opportunities to work on interesting projects continued to come up, he stayed in public service.

"I am excited by the opportunity to work with Ocean Atlantic," said Chura. "I have been impressed by both the people in the company and the quality of their development projects. With the completion of projects such as the Junction and Breakwater Trail, I feel that I have achieved the goals I set out to accomplish in state service, and am anxious for new challenges."

Chura will serve as a project manager for Ocean Atlantic and continue to use similar skills he used in state service.

"In the private sector, I will oversee projects from concepts through development," said Chura.

"I am excited to encompass what I know about environmental protection with my work in the private sector, which allows for good development and environmental protection. I obviously picked a company that shares my philosophy."

Ocean Atlantic, a full-service real estate development and sales company, is currently working on several projects in the Rehoboth Beach and Lewes areas, including Paynter's Mill and the condominiums at the Villages of Five Points.



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