

## **Fred Carl**

Fred Carl was born and raised in Monmouth County. He received his B.S. in Science Education and his M.S. in Computer Science from Monmouth University. He also has Teaching Certificates in Comprehensive Science and Computer Science.

Carl began the effort to save Camp Evans by transforming it into a Science Education Center in March of 1993 when its closing under the U.S. Army's 1993 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) was announced. An article in the Asbury Park Press carried the headline "Evans Likely to Fade in Oblivion". With the backing of Wall Township he did research into the creation of science centers using the resources of the Association of Science and Technology Centers. He presented a plan to the Town which was included in the Marconi Park Reuse plan in 1995.

Over the years he has visited over 25 centers to see their operation first hand. Reaching out to organizations with technology education and historic preservation programs he built a consortium dedicated to preserving Camp Evans as a Science Center. In 1998 the group incorporated as a not-for-profit named the Information Age Learning Center trading as the InfoAge Science-History Center.

As the Wall Township historian Carl researched into the history of Camp Evans using existing works and materials found in the National Archives, Fort Monmouth, Stanford University, Princeton University and the Smithsonian Institution. He nominated and successfully defended an application to create a 37 acre Camp Evans Historic District and have it added to the National Register of Historic Places. Once on the Register a complex application to the Historic Surplus Property Program was prepared. One approved by the National Park Service it paved the way for the transfer of the historic district to Wall Township for the preservation of the site and the creation of the InfoAge Science History Center.

With the help of Wall Township, Congressman Chris Smith, Preservation NJ, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation InfoAge met many challenges presented during the BRAC process. Carl has saved the effort to preserve Camp Evans and create InfoAge well over a million dollars in labor.

In 2006 seven buildings and 17 acres were transferred to Wall; none of the buildings were ready to occupy. Under his leadership InfoAge with the support of Wall Township and Monmouth County InfoAge has replaced roofs, installed heating and air conditioning to many of the buildings and in 2012, the site was declared a National Historic Landmark.

In 2006 Carl was honored with the Russel Berrie Award for "Making a Difference" and, due to his efforts, Wall was given the distinction of being named New Jersey's first "Preserve America Community" by Mrs. Laura Bush.