

Howard Mills' latest venture inspired by his Orange County roots

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WALLKILL – When Howard Mills first learned of Pavement Management Group (PMG), it took him back to his days as Town of Wallkill Supervisor three decades ago.

“We implemented a pavement management program in the Town of Wallkill in 1994, unfortunately, the technology did not exist to make it easy for my successors to continue it,” Mills said.

That experience resonated with him and the PMG mission and value proposition intrigued Mills, who is now a part-owner of the company, marking the latest venture in his diverse and successful career.

“I went into public service as a young man and the ability to now help municipalities save taxpayer money and improve infrastructure attracted me to PMG,” Mills said. “Billions of dollars are flowing to states to rebuild roadways and PMG empowers officials to make data-driven decisions about how to best spend their roadway budget. They advise on the right treatments and provide extremely accurate cost projections. Communicating with constituents is effective and transparent. Roads are demonstrably improved and public funds are spent wisely. I am excited to return to my roots and work with municipal governments again.” The Town of Montgomery and Putnam County are PMG’s first clients in the Hudson Valley.

Mills said that PMG advises municipalities about the right treatments and provides extremely accurate cost projections. Roads are improved and public funds are spent wisely, he added.

Mills retired in 2019 as a Managing Director and the Global Insurance Regulatory Leader at Deloitte, the world’s largest professional services firm. However, “retirement” for Mills, 60, doesn’t include lazy days on the golf course and tending to the garden.

Mills is now a Senior Advisor with the consulting firm McKinsey and Company and sits on the corporate boards of Genworth Financial, Inc. and The Doctors Company Group. Locally, many people still remember Mills fondly from his days as an Orange County politician. Mills was a Town of Wallkill Councilman from 1990-93, served as Wallkill’s Supervisor (1994-98), and was a State Assemblyman (1999-2004), before becoming Superintendent of the State Insurance Department. Now living in Hamptonburgh, Mills was known as a gentleman, an effective administrator, and was respected by his peers.

His father, Howard Mills Jr., was a visionary developer and realtor, building hundreds of homes and the roads and infrastructure of the Scotchtown section of the Town of Wallkill. He earned his last commission just weeks before his passing in July 2017 at the age of 91.

“I hope to be like my dad,” Mills said. “I want to live a long, productive life. Working keeps you young and engaged. I want to be doing new things when I am 90 years old.”