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Ginger Laird

Ginger Laird works at the Fort Worth Water Department's Village Creek Water Reclamation Facility. She has over thirty years of experience in the water industry. She possesses a Class A Wastewater Treatment Operator license certification and a Class B Surface Water Treatment Operator certification.

She graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science degree, and in 1982, she received her secondary teaching certificate from the same university with an emphasis on teaching biology, chemistry and physical science.

Ginger began her career in wastewater treatment as a lab technician for the city of Tyler. After spending a short time working in pretreatment at the city of Houston and a year teaching science at a junior high school, she joined the city of Palestine as a lab technician.

During her tenure in Palestine, she progressed to eventually be the water/wastewater superintendent. She performed various tasks such as managing the pretreatment program, developing

and submitting reports, and overseeing the water and wastewater treatment plants and the lift stations for the city.

In April of 2000, Ginger joined the Fort Worth Water Department's Production Division as a training specialist. There she taught a variety of classes for water treatment plant staff. Ginger became a training specialist at the Village Creek Water Reclamation Facility in 2005. She has taught classes at the TWUA regional schools. At Village Creek, she teaches courses required for TCEQ operator certification, safety requirements and for new employees.

In addition to all this, Ginger leads numerous tours at Village Creek – for everyone from fourth-grade elementary students to graduate students from University of Texas at Arlington, the University of North Texas and Texas Christian University.

Ginger has been married to Gary Laird for thirty-three years. They have one son, James. Outside of work, most of her time is spent with family and attending James' school and athletic events.

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