

Eric Gardner
Director of Engineering, City of Franklin



Gardner's responsibilities include the day-to-day operations of the Engineering Department for the City of Franklin, serving as a representative/liaison in many capacities between engineering and other city departments, elected officials, and the general public.

As a 12-year resident of Williamson County, Gardner's leadership activity spreads across professional, religious, business, athletic, and civic arenas, including member of the American Society of Civil Engineers Nashville Branch, where he serves as the Younger Members Chair; Youth Bible Class teacher at Harpeth Hills Church of Christ; Site Selection Committee Member with Habitat for Humanity; Williamson County Athletics; and Grassland Athletic Association, serving as U6 Girls Softball Coach.

Gardner has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Evansville, where he played varsity football. In 2002 he became a licensed Professional Engineer in Tennessee. He is a certified professional in erosion and sediment control.

According to Gardner, one challenge that Franklin faces is public involvement showing true, especially during elections. He feels that the utilization of technology, such as social media, by the City of Franklin can be used for the community as a whole to increase public involvement.

A leader in all aspects of his life, through the Leadership Franklin experience, Gardner hopes to gain additional leadership training. He states, "I believe that training and education occur. I expect that the experience will help me become a better leader at the City of Franklin, both at my job and in the community."