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Name: Richard Shafer  
Title: Economic and Industrial Development Director; Executive Director  
Company: Office of Economic and Community Development, City of Taunton;  
Taunton Development Corporation  
Location: Taunton, Mass. 02780  
Birthplace: Cincinnati, Ohio  
Birth Date: 1947  
Family: Wife, Roberta; and daughter Susanna (immigration attorney)  
College: Graduate of the University of Kentucky - BA in Sociology/Business  
First job in current field: Executive director - City of Taunton Industrial Development  
Commission and the Taunton Development Corporation since 1987  
What your firm does now and its plans for the future: Citywide economic and  
industrial development including assisting the Taunton Development Corp. in the  
development, marketing and management of 807 acre Myles Standish Industrial Park and  
the new 350 acre Liberty and Union Industrial Park. Currently working with the Weir  
Corporation on the changeover of the Weir Industrial area to multi-use and the same with  
the Whittenton Neighborhood mill owners. Working with Heart of Taunton on downtown  
redevelopment and historic preservation.  
Hobbies: Technical assistance to revitalization and neighborhood development groups,  
travel, music and theater, Taunton River Watershed activities, and sports  
Person you admire (outside of family): Entrepreneurs (especially small business  
owners)  
Keys to success: A positive attitude and persistence  
If you had to choose another profession, what would it be? Human resource  
management and development