

GPD Group was founded in 1961 as Glaus, Pyle, Schomer, Burns and DeHaven, Inc. Five men from different architecture and engineering specialties came together because of their shared values: family and work fulfillment. With their combined skills, they created the holistic approach to design and engineering that we practice today.

When our five leaders retired in 1986, the employees of GPD Group came together and bought the company and structured it to become the broad-based employee-owned firm it is today. Through careful planning and responsible growth, we've expanded to over 650 employees in 14 offices across the nation – Akron, Chardon, Cleveland, Columbus, Garfield Heights, Marion and Youngstown, OH; Atlanta, GA; Dallas and Houston, TX; Indianapolis, IN; Louisville, KY; Phoenix, AZ and Seattle, WA.

Our team members come from a variety of disciplines. This way, we can offer a full-service team customized to every project. We have specialists in each area of public buildings, education, housing, land surveying, parks and recreation, utility services, planning, public works, telecommunications, site development, transportation, retail / commercial, wireless systems and geotechnical services.

The GPD leadership team works diligently to grow without sacrificing our founding values. We've acquired firms with like-minded cultures that complement our holistic approach. We mentor students and entry-level employees to provide them with a strong start down their career paths, and we place people where we know they'll succeed.