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EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Water Resources Management

M.S. 1994

Concentration: Urban and Regional Planning

State University of New York at Albany, Political Science

B.A. 1989

Cum Laude

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Policy Advisor, Dane County Towns Association

2009-present

Advise association on public policy, strategic communications, and local environmental and land use initiatives. Track legislation. Liaison to County Executive and department staff. Provide educational training.

Land Use Manager, Town of Dunn

1998-2008

Administered town's purchase of development rights and land use programs. Drafted and negotiated conservation easements, identified partner organizations and secured over 3.3 million in grant funding/donations. Liaison with other municipalities and state/federal agencies for land use, transportation and planning. Established and maintained town GIS.

Project Coordinator, Red Cedar River Basin Project, UW-Extension

1995 - 1998

Established citizen group to address water quality issues in northwestern Wisconsin. Facilitated general public and committee meetings. Educated diverse adult groups on urban and agricultural water quality issues.

Engineering Assistant, Bureau of Water Resources Management, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

1993-1994

Preformed field sampling for a mass balance water quality analysis of Lake Michigan tributaries.

Research Assistant, ICF Incorporated, Fairfax, Virginia

1989-1992

Conducted environmental policy, planning and regulatory analyses pertaining to solid and hazardous waste management issues. Developed reports, guidance documents, Reports to Congress and workshop and briefing materials.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Marquette Neighborhood Association

2014-present

Elected to promote the general economic and social well-being of the Marquette Neighborhood, an area located a half-mile from the city center of Madison, Wisconsin. Chair of the Membership and Communications Committee.

Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Natural Heritage Land Trust

2007-present

Work on Land Trust policy and procedures to permanently protect farmland, natural areas and wildlife habitat in the Dane County region. Chair Stewardship Committee, appointed to Stewardship Committee in 2007. Appointed to Board of Directors in 2010.

Consultant, City of Madison Public Works Contracting Disparity Study	2014-2015
Analyzed the playing field for minority and women-owned firms when competing for public works projects. Key member of study team that conducted personal interviews with business owners, trade associations and business development organizations. Facilitated public forums.	
Chair, Dane County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee	2013-2015
Led the amendment process for the five year review of the Dane County Comprehensive Plan. Prioritized amendment areas, organized public participation, meeting facilitation.	
Vice Chair, Dane County Task Force for the Prioritized Revision of Chapter 10 (Zoning Code)	2006-2014
Identified and prioritized land use and zoning code problem areas. Held public hearings and focused community outreach. Worked to resolve issues and bring proposed legislation to the Dane County Board for action.	
Vice Chair, Farmland Preservation Plan, Dane Co. Zoning Land Regulations Subcommittee	2010-2012
Oversaw comprehensive rewrite of the Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan to meet new state standards under Chapter 91, Wisconsin Statutes.	
President, Board of Directors, Williamson Street Grocery Cooperative	1997-2009
Elected by the general membership to set the agenda and directed policies for \$17 million, 190 employee organization. Worked to grow the organization from single store to three store operation. Extensive work on finance, negotiation and policy governance committees. Supervised general manager.	
Committees, Thrive (economic development enterprise for the 8 county Madison region)	2007-2009
Member of Transportation and Quality of Life Committees.	