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Experience:

Senior Planner, Town of Watertown

Watertown, Massachusetts *October 2007-present*

- Provide professional planning analysis, coordinate interdepartmental site plan review, and prepare comprehensive recommendations to the Special Permit Granting Authorities.
- Work closely with developers to ensure the timely permitting of well-designed land use projects that comply with the zoning ordinance, sustainability principles, and long-range planning goals.
- Promote affordable housing goals as the manager of the federally funded HOME Program, provide technical support to the Watertown Housing Partnership, and negotiate Affordable Housing Agreements with developers and the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development.
- Proven track record of identifying and securing funding to support and advance Town initiatives including an economic development study, a community path feasibility study, and the acquisition of permit tracking software.
- Evaluate programs, policies, and zoning regulations to identify needed updates and revisions.
- Authored zoning amendments including the creation of a mixed-use district and the establishment of development incentive credits to encourage land use consistent with Smart Growth and Low Impact Development principles.

Planner, City of Somerville

Somerville, Massachusetts *December 2006-October 2007*

- Reviewed and analyze proposed development plans for compliance with the Somerville Zoning Ordinance.
- Prepared comprehensive recommendations for the City's Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Coordinated the design review process for development proposals requiring review by the Design Review Committee.
- Worked closely with applicants and developers to ensure the timely permitting of well-designed projects that comply with the zoning ordinance and harmonize with neighborhood character.

Land Use/Environmental Planner, Nashua Regional Planning Commission

Nashua, New Hampshire *June 2005-December 2006*

- Served as Project Manager for a federally grant-funded regional Brownfields Program, which included grant writing, directing the work of consultants, preparing budgets and quarterly reports, marketing the program to municipalities, and facilitating community and advisory board meetings.
- Responsible for developing local Hazard Mitigation Plans for each of the region's municipalities.
- Authored a Parks and Recreation Plan for the Town of Pelham. Organized and facilitated a public workshop to identify the needs of the community.
- Developed a Watershed Management Plan for the Souhegan River.
- Liaised with local, State, and Federal agencies for various planning initiatives.

Alternative Transportation Planning Intern, Bicicleteros de Tropic del Cancer

San Luis Potosi, Mexico *May-July 2004*

- Assessed city and regional transportation network for potential bicycle infrastructure opportunities.
- Analyzed intersections and corridors with high accident rates involving automobiles and pedestrians/cyclists.
- Presented infrastructure and policy recommendations (in Spanish) to the Mayor and local officials.

Economic Restructuring Intern, Hyde/Jackson Square Main Street

Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts *March-June 2003*

- Responsible for administering a survey of an entire local business district and analyzing the results to inform the development of strategies to target and recruit new merchants and retain existing local businesses.
- Worked with local business owners to develop business improvement strategies.

Natural Resource Manager, United States Peace Corps

Bunlung, Ghana, West Africa *September 2000-November 2002*

- Planned and implemented natural resource management and sustainable economic development strategies for livelihood security for a small rural village in northern Ghana.
- Established a successful community tree nursery raising and out-planting 600 mango trees.
- Recruited and trained 50 adults and 125 youths in compost production.
- Developed an education program teaching environmental science, math, English, and HIV/AIDS awareness.
- Developed curriculum and educational materials to conduct a two-month training program for eight Peace Corps trainees in community-based natural resource management and income generation strategies.

Board Positions:

Member, Zoning Board of Appeals, City of Somerville

Somerville, Massachusetts *December 2007-present*

- Full member of a Special Permit Granting Authority that hears and decides applications for Special Permits, Variances, Comprehensive Permits, and other forms of zoning relief.
- Represented ZBA on committees to update Board rules and regulations and to streamline permitting procedures.

President, Chi Omega Fraternity House Corporation Board, Chi Alpha Chapter, Tufts University

Medford, Massachusetts *October 2007-present*

- Responsible for the management of all chapter assets including physical property and investments.
- Liaise with Tufts University to coordinate major interior renovations and exterior rehabilitation and restoration of the 9,000 square foot historic building that serves as the living quarters for 21 collegiate members.
- Serve as a leader and mentor to develop fiscally responsible habits for college women.

Education:

Master of Arts in Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning (May 2005)

Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts

Master's thesis: "Barriers to Bicycle Infrastructure: Why Do Some Communities Put the Brakes on Sustainable Transport?"

Bachelor of Science in Biology, Minor in Spanish (May 2000)

Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia

Honor's Program (Completed advanced curriculum and co-curricular requirements)

Universidad de Guanajuato, Guanajuato, Mexico

Semester Exchange Program (July 1998-January 1999)

Skills/Certifications:

- Certified HOME Program Specialist-Regulations (U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development).
- Proficient at Geographic Information Systems (ArcGIS, PeopleGIS), SPSS, Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Acrobat), and SketchUp.
- Proven ability to assume leadership roles as well as work collaboratively as an effective team member.
- Accomplished program and systems evaluator able to successfully and sensitively administer institutional change.
- Adept at oral and written communications.
- Strong foreign language skills: Advanced Spanish (oral and written), Intermediate French (oral and written), Intermediate Dagbani (oral).
- Excellent customer service and conflict mediation skills.