

Allison Bernard

Urban Forest Lover and Advocate

EXPERIENCE

PwC & Deloitte, currently Boston MA — *currently Director, Risk Management*

- 2006 2010 and 2010 PRESENT, respectively
- 2020 PRESENT: Risk Organization: assessing, monitoring and mitigating risk for the firm
- 2006 2020: Client service: Led environmental, social and governance reporting controls assessments, compliance assessments, process maturity assessments against leading practices, controls design assessment and effectiveness testing, internal audits, and external audits

Newton Tree Conservancy, Newton, Massachusetts — *Board Member*

2020 PRESENT

- Organize and lead semi annual street tree plantings up to 20 trees per block and ~200 across all sites per year. Review applications for trees, scout locations, expand the block applications, submit recommendations to the forestry for utility and gas checks, communicate with residents, lead tree planting training, oversee planting, remind resident to water for 2 years and remain main point of contact for tree concerns.
- Meet monthly with the Board to discuss tree donations, programs, and positions on city tree matters.

City of Somerville, Somerville, Massachusetts — *Climate Ambassador*

2022

Learned about the city's Climate Action plan and Office of Sustainability and Environment with climate interested residents. Presented on calculating carbon footprint and offsets.

Openlands, Chicago, Illinois — *TreeKeeper*

2018 2020

- Deputized by forester to lead tree plantings, mulching and pruning events in Chicago city parks.
- Attend tree walks to learn about the urban canopy.

Jackson Park Advisory Council, Chicago, Illinois — *Advisory Council Member*

2018 2020

- Hosted and joined park events like nature movies and nature conservation walks.
- Discuss positions on appropriate public uses and maintenance needs for a park designed by Frederick Law Olmsted for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition, and home to the Museum of Science and Industry, a Japanese Garden, a golf course, and the future site of the Barack Obama Presidential library.

Cornell Park Advisory Council, Chicago, Illinois — *Advisory Council Member*

2019 2020

Hosted bonfire and s'mores, educational nature demos, gardening. Approved "equipment" (sticks, boulders, logs, sand) additions for an alley park that was one of only three nature play spaces in Chicago.

The Ancona School, Chicago, IL — *Honest Conversations Host*

2019 2021

Planned topics for quarterly group community discussions on social justice topics, vetted reading materials, invited speakers, secured locations, and hosted the event.

AIDS Foundation of Chicago, Chicago, IL — *Jr. Board Executive Member, Treasurer*

2008 2014

Hosted fundraisers and spread awareness of the public need for expanding equitable access to resources for the HIV community (e.g., coordinated case work to organize access to medicine, housing, food, etc.)

Multiple condominiums, Somerville, MA, Chicago, IL — *Executive Member, Treasurer*

2015 2020; 2022 PRESENT

Draft budgets. Track cash flow. Oversaw major building renovation for 100 year old building in Chicago.

Certifications and Degrees

- TreeKeeper
- Fundamentals of Sustainability Accounting
- Certified Public Accountant
- Certified Internal Auditor
- Certified Information System Auditor
- Masters of Professional Accounting, Georgia State University
- Bachelors of Business Administration, University of Notre Dame

Education and Network

TreeKeeper, Openlands, 2018

Topics: Benefits of trees and urban forestry; Tree morphology and binomial nomenclature; Tree physiology; Soils; Tree Selection; Planting; Pruning; Common pests and tree diseases; Invasive species; Street Tree Steward; Adopting trees and parks; Advocacy; Working with volunteers

Somerville Climate Ambassador, 2022

Topics: Advocacy, Mobilizing change, Local climate action, Environmental justice, Environmental communication

Department of Conservation and Resources, 2023, Tree Steward Training

Speak for the Trees, 2023, Boston Urban Foresters Friends

