

Education

Master of Community Planning, Auburn University, Auburn, AL, USA, 2018

GPA: 4.0

B.S. Applied Studies - Environmental Science and Sustainability Emphasis, University of Minnesota

Crookston, Crookston, MN, USA, 2014

Study Abroad – Spain & India

Relevant Work Experience

- **Planner, Regional Planning and Coordinating Commission of Greene County, OH (Jan 2020 –Present)**

Development of new county-wide Master Trails Plan and future land use plan, Perspectives 2040, analyze zoning policy and changes

Led community outreach and participation efforts for county-wide Master Trails Plan and future land use plan;

Assist with drafting of the county-wide, 20 year land use plan, Perspectives 2040, and conduct final document review and edit;

Provide written, verbal, and visual presentations to the Executive Committee and Regional Planning Commission, composed of elected officials, for county-wide plans and policy amendments;

Analyze and provide decision recommendations for proposed zoning text and map changes;

Review proposed residential subdivisions and lot splits;

Organize and facilitate Zoning Inspector meetings for townships within Greene County to provide information updates, distribute resources, and discuss various township zoning issues;

Provide recommendations and assistance to zoning inspectors and elected officials for unusual and difficult land use decisions;

Drafted model zoning text for large scale solar energy for member jurisdictions;

Coordinate with city, township, county, and elected officials to review proposed developments, make policy changes, and adopt plans.

- **Zoning Inspector, Spring Valley Township, OH (October 2020 – Present)**

Process permits, review lot splits, facilitate Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals meetings

- **City Planner, City of Richmond, IN (June 2018 – January 2020)**

Supervise staff, present staff reports, review planning permits, lead development of comprehensive plan

Supervise Planning, Permitting, GIS, and Building Inspection staff;

Review commercial and residential development plans and applications;

Provide oral and written reports for City Council, Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals;

Member of Environmental Sustainability Commission, Urban Revitalization Committee, and County

Housing Study Review Committee, Revolving Loan Fund Board, Industrial Park Expansion Committee, and County GIS Committee;

Lead development of a new comprehensive plan, ensure proper public participation, review documents for accuracy, and facilitate community, stakeholder, and City Leader communications.

- **Graduate Research Assistant, Auburn University, Auburn, AL (August 2016 – May 2018)**

Analysis of comprehensive plans, economic development, and revitalization of downtown areas

Collect economic, demographic, and population data in conjunction with the comprehensive plans for 200

US Cities declining in population; collect and analyze real estate and socioeconomic data for successful downtown revitalization case studies.

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- **Community Design and Engagement Intern, City of Crookston, MN (May 2017 - August 2017)**

Assisted with development of first Downtown Master Plan and road designs for improved bicycle safety
Provided strategies for public communication and technical design assistance for master plan.
This plan involved strategies to increase pedestrian and bicycle traffic, improve connectivity to the downtown area, incentivize small business development, and re-install a town square.

- **Sustainable Community Outreach Coordinator, Regional Sustainable Development Partnership, City of Crookston, University of Minnesota Crookston, MN (2015)**

Lead efforts to implement and certify City of Crookston as a GreenStep City, a State of Minnesota designation.
Established a community garden with grant and matching funds. Improved wayfinding for pedestrians and bicyclists by completing the Active Living Master Plan. Reduced city maintenance costs through solar assessments and landscaping.

Certificates and Training

2021 AICP Certification - American Planning Association

2019 UNICEF Training Session - Shaping Urbanization for Children, Jakarta, Indonesia

Teaching & Outreach

Workshops Taught:

- Rules of Procedure and Conduct class for Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals members
- Grant Writing for students and young professionals
- City Leader Panel Q&A event for students interested in pursuing local government careers

Community Outreach:

- Led public outreach and communications for Greene County's future land use plan, Perspectives 2040
- Led public outreach and communications for Greene County's Master Trails Plan
- Led development of new comprehensive Plan, "Richmond Rising", for Richmond, IN
- Assisted "City of LaGrange and Troupe County, GA" and identified economic expansion opportunities and strategies
- Assisted "City of Auburn, AL" with zoning amendment and redevelopment strategies for the Glenn-Dean Focus Area
- "Environmental and Social Resiliency Plan" for the City of Opelika, AL
- Assisted "Auburn Public Library" on pop-up library event to increase member enrollment and public interest for local library
- Assisted "Jeter Neighborhood Community Outreach Event" by introducing kids to community planning and empowering them to participate in public processes from the City of Opelika, AL

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Awards & Scholarships

- 2019 Comprehensive plan, “Richmond Rising”, nominated for 2020 American Planning Association, Indiana Chapter, Hoosier Planning and Sagamore Award
- 2018 Distinguished Leadership Award for a Planning Student Team, Alabama APA State Conference
- 2017 1st Place Student Competition Award, Alabama APA State Conference
- 2017 Community and Civic Engagement Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts, Auburn University, 2017-2018
- 2016 University Graduate Research Assistant, MS, Auburn University, 2016-2018 – Full Tuition & stipend
- 2016 1st Place Business Plan Competition, Turner College of Business, Columbus, GA