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## OBJECTIVE

I am seeking to commit to and invest in a community within the Upper Midwest from either the public or private sector. I am seeking to use skills and knowledge gained through local, regional, and federal planning experience to assist communities in seeking and achieving their potential and to become more resilient to natural and human-related hazards.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Environmental Protection Specialist**

March 2010 to Current

FEMA Iowa Closeout Center

Windsor Heights, IA

Duties and Accomplishments:

- NEPA planning including writing and reviewing Environmental Assessments, incorporation of public comments, and drafting FONSI's for official signature
- Over 600 disaster recovery project reviews for compliance with Federal environmental laws and Executive Orders, including floodplain and wetland protection
- Assisting internal FEMA stakeholders and state partners with understanding environmental laws and requirements for disaster recovery projects
- Assisting with National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office
- Formal and informal consultation with State and other Federal agencies

### **Community Development Planner**

July 2008 to August 2009

Chariton Valley Planning and Development

Centerville, IA

Duties and Accomplishments:

- Led development of Local and Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plans including assembly of ad-hoc committees and staffing those committee meetings
- Updated Passenger Transit Development Plan, assisted with Transportation Improvement Program update, initiated update to Long Range Transportation Plan
- Managed agency's geographic information system (ArcGIS) data and maps
- Assisted with general grant application and administration for multiple, concurrent projects
- Assisted in the development of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) funding application

## EDUCATION

### **Urban and Regional Planning, MS**

May 2008

University of Iowa

Iowa City, IA

- Internship with the City of Iowa City's Economic Development Division, approximately 1 year
- First Place Student Essay Contest Award and Presentation at Upper Midwest APA Conference
- Assisted with the development of a comprehensive Village Plan for Frytown, IA in partnership with Johnson County Planning and Zoning Division

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- Coursework included: Land Use Policy and Law, Environmental Management, Applied GIS for Planners, Analytic Methods, Economics for Policy Analysis, Growth Management, Planning Sustainable Transportation, and others

**Philosophy**, Minor in Asian Languages and Literature, BA  
University of Iowa

May 2006  
Iowa City, IA

- Coursework included: macro- and micro-economics, statistics and inference, World Cities, Introduction to Political Behavior, and others

**Architectural Technologies**, AAS  
Kirkwood Community College

June 2002  
Cedar Rapids, IA

- Coursework included: construction management, architectural drafting, plan reading and interpretation, and others

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Planning Association since 2006, currently eligible to take AICP exam

## PUBLICATIONS

***Hamilton Drain Watershed Basin and Stormwater Improvements***, 2012, FEMA, Polk County, IA.  
<http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?fromSearch=fromsearch&id=6643>. (lead author)

***Five Seasons Transportation Bus Garage and Office Building***, 2012, FEMA, Cedar Rapids, IA.  
<http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?fromSearch=fromsearch&id=5854>. (lead author)

***Cedar Rapids Public Works Facility***, 2012, FEMA, Cedar Rapids, IA.  
<http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=5609>. (lead author)

***City of McGregor Storm Water Flood Mitigation Project***, 2011, FEMA, McGregor, IA.  
<http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?fromSearch=fromsearch&id=4927>. (lead author)

***Iowa City Animal Care and Adoption Center***, 2011, FEMA, Iowa City, IA.  
<http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?fromSearch=fromsearch&id=4726>. (lead author)

***City of Mystic Local Hazard Mitigation Plan***, 2009 (public review draft), Chariton Valley Planning and Development, Centerville, IA.  
<http://www.charitonvalleyplanning.com/pdf/MysticHazardMitigationPlan.pdf>.

***Frytown, Iowa Village Plan***, 2008, Johnson County and University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA.  
<http://www.johnson-county.com/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=4931>. (co-authored)

***Iowa City Community Profile***, 2007, Economic Development Division, City of Iowa City, IA.  
<http://www.icgov.org/site/CMSv2/file/planning/econDev/2007CommunityProfile.pdf>.