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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS: Fifteen years experience coordinating community, environmental, and economic development programs in the United States and abroad. Areas of focus include tourism, economic development, land-use planning, and community development

EDUCATION:

University of New Hampshire: Ph.D. in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies, 2008
Western Illinois University: M.A. in Geography and Regional Planning, 1999
Dartmouth College: B.A. in Geography, 1994

RELEVANT SKILLS:

Computer Skills: Arc GIS, economic analysis, NVIVO qualitative analysis
Languages: Fluent in Spanish. **Other Skills:** Teaching and evaluation research

WORK EXPERIENCE:

6/01 – Present **Extension Assoc. Professor, Community Development** (UNH)
- Lead UNH Cooperative Extension's Community Development Program
- Provide community development and planning outreach to NH towns
- Teach Community/Envt. Planning, Department of Natural Resources, UNH

8/99 – 6/01 **Extension Educator, Community Development** (Univ. of Illinois Extension)
- Served as Regional Extension Center Coordinator
- Provided outreach in the areas of planning and economic development

6/98 - 6/99 **Director of Planning & Community Development** (Town Board: Ashland, IL)
- Coordinated the Ashland Economic Development Committee and its activities
- Established the *Ashland Community & Economic Development Plan*

8/97 - 6/98 **Rural Research Assistant** (Illinois Inst. for Rural Affairs/W. Illinois University)
- Assisted rural communities with local economic analysis

1/95 - 3/97 **Peace Corps Volunteer: Environmental Education** (Panama)
- Environmental education/agriculture teacher-trainer in rural Panama

8/94 - 12/94 **Cartographic Intern** (*National Geographic Society:* Washington, DC)
- Researcher for National Geographic Magazine's feature stories

UNH COURSES:

Community Development and Environmental Planning Perspectives (CEP-415)
Balancing Resource Management, Land Use, and Development (MADPP-952)
Governance by Networks: Ecosystem-based Management (RAM-820)

CERTIFICATIONS:

Master Gardener	University of Illinois Extension, 2000
Certified Business Retention & Expansion Consultant	BR&E International, 1998
Advanced-High Rating on Spanish Proficiency Exam	ACTFEL, 1997

AWARDS:

Key Note Address, Alberta Rural Development Network Conference, Edmonton, Alberta (2011)
Faculty Fellow, Office of the Senior Vice Provost for Engagement and Academic Outreach (2011)
Maynard and Audrey Heckel Extension Educator Fellowship Recipient (2007)
UNH Outreach Scholar Recipient (2004)
Distinguished Alumni Award, Peace Corps Fellows Program, WIU (2003)

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:

Sustainable Harvest International	Board Vice Chair, 2009 – current
NH GreenStart	Board Secretary, 2009 – current
Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development	Tech. Adv. Committee, 2010 – current
New England Carbon Challenge, Clean Air/Cool Planet	Advisory Committee, 2008 – current
Nat. Assoc. of Comm. Dev. Extension Professionals	Board Member, 2005–2010
NH State Outdoor Recreation Advisory Committee	Committee Member, 2004
NH Rural Development Council	Board Member, 2002–2005

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES:

French, Charles; Becker, Mimi; and Bruce Lindsay. 2010. "Havana's Changing Urban Agriculture Landscape: A Shift to the Right?". *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems and Community Development*, 1(2). Available at: http://www.agdevjournal.com/images/stories/JAFSCD_Cover_Vol1_Issue2.jpg

French, Charles and Michele Gagne. 2010. "Ten Years of Community Visioning in New Hampshire: The Meaning of Success". *Community Development*, 41(2), pp. 223–238.

French, Charles; Giraud, Kelly; and Sally Ward. 2008. "Building Wealth through Ownership: Resident-Owned Manufactured Housing Communities in New Hampshire". *Journal of Extension,* 46(2).

Ward, Sally; Giraud, Kelly; and Charles French. 2006. "Resident-Owned Manufactured Home Communities in New Hampshire". *Cooperative Housing Journal.* 2006 annual issue, pp. 16-24.

French, Charles; Becker, Mimi and Bruce Lindsay. "Boston's Ethnic Gardens in the Face of Demographic Change". Under review by the journal *Geographical Review*.

PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS:

French, Charles and Paul LaChapelle. 2011. "Assessing Intangible vs. Tangible Community Visioning Outcomes" in Walzer, Norman, Ed. 2011. *Community Visioning.* Praeger Publishers (in Press).

LaChapelle, Paul; Emery, Mary; and Charles French. 2011. "Community Visioning Pedagogy: A Theoretical Framework for Teaching Visioning to Citizens and Practitioners" in Walzer, Norman, Ed. 2011. *Community Visioning.* Praeger Publishers (in Press).

OTHER SELECT PUBLICATIONS:

French, Charles and Louis Bassano. 2009. "eXtension's Entrepreneurs and their Communities Website: An Emerging Resource for Community and Economic Development Professionals." *Rural Connections,* 3(2).

French, Charles and Fabienne Lord-Fonseca. 2008. *Ten Years of Community Profiles (Visioning) in New Hampshire.* Published by the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension.

Ward, Sally; Giraud, Kelly and Charles French. 2006. *Resident-Owned Manufactured Home Communities in New Hampshire: An Evaluation of the Community Loan Fund Program.* Published by the Carsey Institute. Available on-line at: http://www.unhm.unh.edu/pdf/sally-ward/Ward-mobilehome-Community-Fund-FINAL.pdf

Ward, Sally; Giraud, Kelly and Charles French. 2006. *Affordable Housing and Asset Development: The Role of Land Ownership in Mobile Home Parks.* Corporation for Enterprise Development.

Ayres, J.; Barefield, A.; Beaulieu, B.; Clark, D.; Daniels, S.; **French, C.**; Howe, R.; Leuci, M. and D. Senese. 2005. *Cooperative Extension's Community Development Foundations of Practice.* Published by the National Regional Rural Development Centers.

French, Charles and Thane Harrison. 2005 (October issue). "An Introduction to Fiscal Impact Analysis". *Town and City.* Published by the New Hampshire Local Government Center.

RECENT GRANTS:

French, Charles (Co-PI) and David Foote (Co-PI). State Broadband Data and Development Program (SBDD) sub-award, "Building Broadband Capacity in New Hampshire", National Telecommunications and Information Administration ($950,000).

McDowell, William (PI); French, Charles (Co-PI); John Bucci (Co-PI) and Eric Hobbie (Co-PI). 2010. Nitrogen Sources and Transport Pathways: Science to Management Collaboration to Reduce Nitrogen Loads in the Great Bay Estuarine Ecosystem ($599,514).

Grimm, Curt (PI); French, Charles (Co-PI) and Barbara Wauchope (Co-PI). 2009. "Connecting the Dots between Research Priorities and Stakeholder Needs: An Evaluation of Northern Forest Stakeholder Perceptions of NSRC-Funded Research". Northeast States Research Cooperative ($55,119).

Diers, Kerrie (PI); Gagne, Michele (Collaborator), Cassulo, Joanne (Collaborator) and Charles French (Collaborator). 2008. "New Hampshire Citizen Planner: A Web-based Curriculum for Local Land Use Boards". New Hampshire Department of Transportation ($100,000).

LaValley, Ken (PI); French, Charles (Co-PI) and Catherine Violette (Co-PI). 2008. "Direct Markets for Locally and Sustainably-caught Seafood in New Hampshire". University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension ($25,000).

French, Charles (PI) and Troy Hartley (Co-PI). 2007. "Linking Students in the Classroom with Extension Outreach Professionals in the Field". Instructional Technology Faculty Development Grants Program, University System of New Hampshire ($16,854).

French, Charles (PI) and Bradley Anderson (Co-PI). 2006. "Community Assets for People Mapping Project". New Hampshire Endowment for Health ($36,163).

French, Charles (PI) and Bradley Anderson (Co-PI). 2005. "GIS Mapping of Social Assets: A Resource Clearinghouse for New Hampshire". New Hampshire Charitable Foundation ($20,000).

Ward, Sally (PI), French, Charles (Co-PI) and Kelly Giraud-Cullen (Co-PI). 2005. "An Evaluation of Resident-owned Communities in New Hampshire", Ford Foundation and New Hampshire Community Loan Fund ($68,000).

CONFERENCES AND CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS:

French, Charles. 2011. Key Note Address, "Bringing the University to the Community: Tapping into Post-Secondary Institutions' Knowledge and Resources to Strengthen Rural Communities". Alberta Rural Development Network Conference, Edmonton, Alberta.

Flage, Lynette; French, Charles and Monica Herrera. 2009. "Extending Cooperative Extension: Promising Developments in University-community Collaboration". Promising Opportunities in Deliberative Democracy for Educators and Practitioners. Democracy Imperative Conference.

French, Charles; Walzer, Norman; Hamm, Giselle and Paul LaChapelle. 2009. "Making Community Visioning Programs More Effective." International Community Development Society.

French, Charles and Louis Bassano. 2009. "Road-testing the Entrepreneurs and their Communities Resource Website." Presented at the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals annual conference in San Diego, California.

French, Charles. 2009. "The Nexus of Workforce Housing and Land Conservation in New Hampshire", National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals conference, San Diego, CA. Proceedings at: http://nacdep.net/confs/2009/Presentations/Equity/FrenchHousing.pdf

Ward, Sally and Charles French. 2008. "Resident-Owned Communities in New Hampshire". Presented at the Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Ward, Sally; French, Charles and Kelly Giraud. 2005. “Resident-Owned Manufactured Home Communities in New Hampshire”. Presented at the *Meredith Institute: Advancing Sectoral Strategies in Manufactured Housing.* Conference Sponsored by the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund.

French, Charles. 2002. “Green Mapping: A Policy Guide for Communities”. Proceedings from *the National Community Resources and Economic Development (CRED) Conference.* USDA-CSREES.