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SUMMARY

Specializing in community and economic development practice for thirty years, in urban and rural settings. Focused experience in community development process, economic development initiatives, neighborhood revitalization, housing development, land conservation, community planning and policy. Expertise in community engagement theory and practice.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Community and Economic Development, Community Engagement | New Hampshire

Associate Extension Educator, Community & Economic Development
University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension

Develop and lead programs in community development and economic development with focus on community engagement, needs assessment and building local capacity and leadership.

Consultant, University of New Hampshire Carsey Institute NH Listens

Work to develop statewide initiative for community-based dialogue on public policy issues.

Executive Director, Hanover Conservation Council

Create comprehensive conservation and education programs; strengthen community board and volunteer program; establish endowment and annual fundraising; community engagement and partnership development.

Community Development, Housing and Economic Development | Cleveland, OH

Project Manager and Yale University Fellowship, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority
Program development of commercial and residential revitalization plan via HOPE VI; project timetable and community outreach initiatives.

Director of Housing Development, Ohio City Development Corporation

Managed housing rehabilitation and new construction programs for low, moderate and market rate housing; community liaison on neighborhood development issues.

Director of Neighborhood Partnership Programs, St. Ignatius High School

Developed community engagement, consensus building and new housing strategies to foster partnership between local community and educational institution.

Assistant Executive Director, Midtown Corridor

Designed marketing strategy for commercial and industrial sites; economic development strategies and liaison with community on area strategic plan.

Community and Economic Development Planning | State-wide Michigan

The WBDC Group, Community Planner

Designed and implemented citizen participation strategies in the community master planning and zoning process. Wrote master plans and updated zoning ordinances for rural communities.

Housing and Community Development | Buffalo, NY

Housing Specialist, Westside Neighborhood Housing Services

Administered federal, state and city housing rehabilitation programs; managed historic preservation programs; community outreach and grant writing.

Program Coordinator, Advisory Board for Lovejoy Elderly/Youth

Managed housing rehabilitation programs; community planning efforts and neighborhood advocacy.

EDUCATION

Community Renaissance Fellows Program Yale University

Master of Urban Planning State University of New York at Buffalo

BA Political Science and Urban Studies Canisius College

RECOGNITIONS

NACDEP 1st Place Northeast Region Award, Excellence in Community Development Team, 2016

NH Planners Association, Master Plan of the Year, Durham NH (volunteer chair), 2016

Appointed chair of the UNH Cooperative Extension Professional Development Committee, 2015

UNH Cooperative Extension Program of Distinction Award, 2015

UNH Cooperative Extension Diversity and Pluralism Award, 2013

University of New Hampshire Research and Engagement Academy, 2013

Community and Economic Development Area of Expertise appointment, 2012