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EXPERIENCE

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG)

Washington, DC — *Environmental Planner*

August 2005-Present

Provide technical support and policy recommendations, concerning the Chesapeake Bay and local water quality to local government elected officials and water utilities serving on COG's Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee. Provide analysis, and recommendations about local water quality, stormwater, and water infrastructure. Track state and federal legislation, regulations, and policy actions. Facilitate the exchange of ideas and information between local governments.

Manage the Community Engagement Campaign project. Collaborate with Office of Communications, public information officers, and consultants on messaging and advertising. Manage contracts and staff on a budget of \$160,000.

University of Wisconsin Dept. of Zoology

Madison, WI — *Teaching Assistant*

September 2002 – May 2004

Led and graded four semesters of advanced biology discussions, labs, and term papers for approximately 350 undergraduate students.

National Assoc. of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)

Washington, DC — *Program Associate*

January 2000 - July 2002

Managed grants and provided technical assistance to public health officials via NACCHO's public health Hazardous Waste Grant Program. Researched and wrote updates to NACCHO's guidebook for this project, *Pulling Together: A Guide to Building Interagency Collaboration at Hazardous Waste Sites*.

Partnered with two advisory committees and federal project officers on public health issues including Superfund sites and land use planning projects.

Organized and facilitated three environmental health trainings for public health officials to help improve community participation in health assessments. Worked in a team environment and experienced an organization's restructuring.

STRENGTHS

- Project management
- Written and oral communications
- Interpersonal relations
- Policy tracking and advocacy
- Experienced with committees and guiding group decision-making

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EXPERIENCE, Continued

Peace Corps

Senegal, West Africa — *Volunteer*

March 1997-June 1999

Collaborated with elementary school teachers, providing technical content to integrate lessons about water sanitation, soil conservation, and tree planting into their curricula.

Rewrote Peace Corps' Environmental Education Strategic Plan for Senegal, updating strategic goals and objectives to improve project approaches.

Immersed myself in Senegalese village culture for two years, speaking French and Puular.

EDUCATION

Master of Science, Conservation Biology and Sustainable Development

University of Wisconsin-Madison, December 2004

Bachelor of Science, Zoology

University of Wisconsin-Madison, May 1995