

CURRICULUM VITAE

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NAME: Charles Vidich

ADDRESS: 40 Frontage Road, Ashford, CT 06278

EDUCATION:

| Date | Discipline | Degree | Institution |
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| 1970 | Urban Sociology | B.A. | Brandeis University, Waltham, MA |
| 1974 | Environmental Planning | MCP | Harvard University, School of Design, Cambridge, MA |
| 2003 | Environmental Health | MS | Harvard University, School of Public Health, Boston, MA |

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS: Harvard School of Public Health 2003 to 2010
Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, 2006 to 2010

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES & STATE APPOINTMENTS:

American Society of Testing and Materials, E50 Committee, Member since 1992.

Connecticut Council on Environmental Quality, Council Member since 2016

Connecticut Land Use Education Council: 1987-1988

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Western Connecticut Council of Governments: 2019-Present. As Senior Project Manager, I was responsible for the development of the region's comprehensive plan of conservation and development as well as the Council's work on land use and telecommunications strategies aimed to prepare the region for fifth generation broadband services. The Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association bestowed its 2020 Wireless Technology award to the Western Connecticut Council of Governments and its telecommunications task force for its innovative planning for wireless technology. Recently, in response to Public Act 21-29, I completed a comprehensive study of the land use strategies that can reduce hypoxic conditions in Long Island Sound.

Charles Vidich Associates: 1970-Present. As an energy and land use consultant, I developed and presented training and educational energy seminars to planners throughout the Northeast; authored three popular "Solar Tips" booklets for Northeast Utilities' electric customers and for solar developers; aided New Jersey DOE. to implement its state solar subdivision laws; co-authored NESEC Community Energy Efficiency Handbook; implemented Connecticut solar access legislation at the request of the Legislature; successfully lobbied for the creation of Connecticut's first Land Use Education Council; aided Blue Ribbon Commission in the formulation of zoning policy for the state of Connecticut; served as the pivotal expert witness in a celebrated Connecticut Supreme Court case that successfully overturned restrictive zoning regulations and in a federal district court case that successfully overturned discriminatory land use practices.

Harvard School of Public Health: 2003-2010. As visiting scientist I lectured on scientific approaches to the use of quarantine and the history of quarantine practice in the United States. This was a joint appointment to the Harvard School of Public Health as well as the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative.

United States Postal Service Headquarters: 2008-2014. As the Manager, Corporate Sustainability Initiatives I was responsible for promoting resource conservation and "Green Design" principles throughout the 33,000 Post Offices in this nation. The USPS has been recognized as a leader in recycling and waste prevention with numerous awards from the White House and EPA.

United States Postal Service Headquarters: 2001-2005. Served in various capacities at the Unified Command Center for anthrax response including serving as Incident Commander during the nationwide multi-agency sampling, cleanup and decontamination initiative. Coordinated the Postal Service's hurricane Katrina response efforts in 2005 including environmental sampling and building decontamination strategies.

United States Postal Service Northeast Region: 1987 -2001. As Manager of Environmental Programs, I supervised over 230 environmental projects including over 100 different environmental studies for real estate transactions. Managed landfill closure plans for two major facilities of one million square feet. For over five years, served as environmental liaison to the facility activation coordinators during the design and construction phases for over a dozen extremely large and complex mail processing facilities throughout the United States valued at over \$1 Billion. Duties included coordination with architects, builders, zoning boards, planning boards, wetland agencies and chief elected officials. Co-authored and managed the production of a new national Facilities Environmental Handbook. Responsible for development of the Agency's occupational health, environmental and emergency response programs for the Northeast Region of the Postal Service.

Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley: 1974 - 1986. As the Principal Planner, I formulated and assisted thirteen local governments in western Connecticut to adopt first ever solar access regulations (first region in the United States to do so); fostered the enactment and implementation of Connecticut's first passive solar energy legislation; authored zoning regulations for Thomaston, Wolcott and Naugatuck; revised nine of the region's twelve zoning regulations to achieve "least cost housing" objectives; directed the zoning analysis in the 1982 State Mobile Home Task Force Report for the Connecticut Legislature. Provided technical assistance to builders and zoning boards on appropriate energy efficient and passive solar design concepts for new construction.

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY:

1. Vidich, Charles, *New York Cab Driver and His Fare*, Cambridge, Massachusetts, Schenkman Publishing Company, 1976.
2. Vidich, Charles, *Least Cost Housing: Minimizing the Fiscal Impact of Zoning and Subdivision Regulations*, Waterbury, CT, Central Naugatuck Valley Regional Planning Agency, 1978.
3. Vidich, Charles, *Overcoming Land Use Barriers to Solar Access: Solar Planning Recommendations for Local Communities*, Waterbury, CT, CNVRPA, 1980.
4. White, Alan, Gerard Ridzon and Charles Vidich, *Planning the Energy Efficient Community*, Boston, MA. Northeast Solar Energy Center, 1981.
5. Vidich, Charles, *Passive Solar Subdivision Design: A Guidebook for Builders, Site Planners and Developers*, Waterbury, CT, CNVRPA, 1982.
6. Vidich, Charles. *A Handbook of Land Use Trends and Practices: 1978 to 1986*, Waterbury, CT, Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley, 1986.
7. Noonan, Frank and Charles Vidich, Decision Analysis for Utilizing Hazardous Waste Site Assessments in Real Estate Acquisition. *Journal of Risk Analysis*, 1992; 12(2):
8. U.S. Postal Service, *Facility Energy Management Program*, Washington D.C., 1997.
9. U.S. Postal Service, *Managing Contractor Safety & Health Compliance*, Washington D.C., 2001.
10. *Interim Guidelines for Sampling, Analysis, Decontamination and Disposal of Anthrax*, U.S. Postal Service, Washington DC, 2001
11. Technical Assistance for Anthrax Response, Interim Final Draft, Washington D.C., National Response Team, September 2002.
12. *Regulating Biological Agents; Balancing Security and Bio-Medical Research*, Harvard Kennedy School, 2003

13. Germs at Bay: Quarantine and the Control of Communicable Disease in Boston, *Proceedings of the New England Historical Association*, May 2007.
14. Vidich, Charles, Kristin Floberg, *Land Use Planning for Wireless Telecommunications Task Force*, Western Connecticut Council of Governments, September 2020.
15. Vidich, Charles, *Germs at Bay: Politics, Public Health and American Quarantine*, Praeger, 2021
16. *The Case for Riparian Corridor Protections*, Western Connecticut Council of Governments, August 2021.

HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS:

- 1970 -Outstanding Student Athlete Award, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
- 1974 - Outstanding Student Paper Prize, Harvard, Graduate School of Design, Cambridge, MA
- 1980 - Recognition of Extraordinary Service in Addressing Housing Issues, CT State House of Representatives
- 1984 - Energy Innovation Award, William O'Neill, Governor, State of Connecticut, Hartford, CT
- 1984 - Award for Energy Innovation, Donald Hodel, Secretary, U.S. DOE, Washington DC
- 1992- Outstanding Contributions to NACORE continuing education program, NACORE, International
- 1993 - Certificate of Appreciation, "Outstanding Presentation at the 20th Annual Symposium of the International Association of Corporate Real Estate Executives", NACORE
- 1995 - Certificate of Achievement, "Environmental Excellence in Government", Fran McPoland, Federal Environmental Executive
- 1995 - New England Environmental EXPO Award, Expo Board of Directors, Boston, MA
- 1996 - National Performance Review "Hammer Award", Vice President Al Gore, Washington DC
- 1996 - White House Closing the Circle Individual Award, President William J. Clinton
- 1998 - Exceptional Individual Performance Award, U.S. Postal Service, Environmental Mgt. Policy
- 2001 - Vice President's Award, Managing National Anthrax Crisis, USPS, Washington DC
- 2007 - Vice President's Award, Creation of an Environmental Management System, Washington DC
- 2008 - White House Closing the Circle Group Award, President George W. Bush
- 2014 Environmental Lifetime Achievement Award, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1

REFERENCES:

- John Freitas, 70 Howard Street, Reading, MA 01867; Phone: 617 285-2771
- Richard Sherman, 9 Bates Rd, Chaplin, CT 06235; Phone: 860 455-2000
- Terry Grover, 23 Dartmouth Street,, South Hadley, MA 01075; Phone: 413 533-4710

Michael Towle, WestCOG Deputy Director

Achievements

- » Oversee WestCOG Regional Service Projects, Data Science, and manage related staff activities.
- » Oversaw the development of Public Safety, Animal Control, and Municipal Modernization Studies.
- » Implementing regional services for public safety, animal control, waste management, and municipal modernization.
- » Voted in as the Connecticut GIS Network President for 2021.
- » Represented WestCOG interests in environmental, conservation, and hazard mitigation activities within Connecticut.

Hands-on experience

Environmental Management

- » Watershed plans and studies
- » Open space inventory
- » MS4 Storm Water General Permit
- » Brownfield redevelopment
- » Tree canopy analysis and planting
- » Habitat Mapping
- » Environmental service projects
- » Hiking trail development

Emergency Preparedness

- » FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Plans
- » Vulnerable Asset Inventory
- » Community Rating System (CRS)
- » Enhanced Precipitation Event model (EPE)

Transportation

- » Transportation Improvement Program
- » Congestion Management Process

IT expertise

- » Web design and development
- » Database and systems integration
- » Data acquisition and quality control
- » Interoperability, formats, and exchange
- » Analytical techniques
- » Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- » Computer scripting/programming
- » Cartography
- » Fixed and mobile platforms
- » Open source solutions

Positions held

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| » Deputy Director | WestCOG | 2019 - Today |
| » GIS Manager | WestCOG | 2018 - 2019 |
| » Planner | WestCOG | 2016 - 2018 |
| » Associate Planner | WestCOG | 2014 - 2016 |
| » Assistant Planner | CCRPA | 2013 - 2014 |
| » GIS Analyst | Rutgers University | 2012 - 2013 |
| » AmeriCorps Member Leader | AmeriCorps Cape Cod | 2007 - 2010 |

Educational History

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| » M.S., GIS for Development and the Environment | Clark University | 2012 |
| » B.S., Environmental Science | UMass Lowell | 2006 |

KRISTIN FLOBERG

PLANNER

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EXPERIENCE

- Planner** March 2017- present
Western Connecticut Council of Governments, Sandy Hook, CT
- Leads land use and regional planning activities, including the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development; Regional Affordable Housing Plan; Land Use Referral Program; and Planners' Lunch meetings
 - Managed the Land Use Planning for Wireless Telecommunications Task Force, that was awarded a CCAPA Planning Award in 2020.
 - Invited to present on climate change strategies adopted in the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development to the Governor's Council on Climate Change
- Junior Planner** May 2016 - September 2016
Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc., Hartford, CT
- Designed signage placement through horizontal road alignments on a CTDOT project
- Graduate Assistant** August 2015 - December 2016
University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

EDUCATION

- Master of Science in Civil Engineering** December 2016
University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT GPA: 3.9
- Awarded New England University Transportation Center (NEUTC) Fellowship in 2015
 - Concentration in Transportation and Urban Engineering
 - Thesis: *Change in Urban Fabric Through Space and Time at Differing Levels of Automobility*
- Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering** May 2015
University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT GPA: 3.2
- Relevant courses in Soil Mechanics, Environmental Engineering & Engineering Hydrology

PUBLICATIONS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Floberg, Atkinson-Palombo & Garrick. May 2017. 'Walkability Lessons from the Past'. Congress for the New Urbanism. New Urban Research. Seattle, WA. May 6, 2017.
- Floberg. April 2017. 'Change in Urban Fabric Through Space and Time at Differing Levels of Automobility'. American Association of Geographers. Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. April 5, 2017.

COMPUTER SKILLS

MicroStation, InRoads; ArcGIS; Highway Capacity Software (HCS); SAP2000; MATLAB; GAMS; Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Congress for the New Urbanism, Member 2016 - present

Francis R. Pickering

Achievements

- » Managed over \$50 million in federal/state funding over a 5-year period
- » Obtained and managed nearly \$20 million in discretionary (competitive) grants
- » Programmed and managed \$7 million annually in federal and state formula funds
- » Developed RFP/RFQs, reviewed bids, and contracted for \$2 million annually in services
- » Supervised designation of CCRPA as the state's second Economic Development District
- » Oversaw the second largest staff of any regional planning organization in state, including the development of annual plans of work and the hiring and supervision of 18 employees
- » Initiated successful capacity-building partnerships with UConn and CCSU
- » Represented region to federal/state agencies, legislature, interest groups, and public
- » Served as IT administrator, webmaster, and GIS/data manager

Hands-on experience

Managed projects, studies, and plans including:

Technology/e-government initiatives

- » Regional geospatial portal
- » Online public survey portal
- » Transit trip electronic scheduling
- » Custom GIS tools using Python scripting
- » Android smartphone/tablet apps

Transportation

- » Regional Transportation Plan
- » University Transportation Plan
- » Unified Planning Work Program
- » Transportation Improvement Program
- » Public Participation Plan
- » Congestion Management Process
- » Safe Routes to Schools Master Plans
- » Intersection and corridor plans
- » Safety, traffic, and parking studies
- » Regional paratransit service

Economic Development

- » Comprehensive Economic Dev. Strategy
- » Regional housing study
- » Village redevelopment and TOD plans

Emergency Preparedness

- » Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan
- » Disaster recovery plan
- » Food access plans

Environmental Management

- » Plan of Conservation and Development
- » Tree canopy analysis and planting
- » Local farmers' market promotion
- » Watershed plans and studies
- » Open space protection
- » Dam removal and river restoration
- » Hiking trail development and protection

IT expertise

- » Web design and development
- » Database and systems integration
- » Data acquisition and quality control
- » Interoperability, formats, and exchange
- » Analytical techniques
- » Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- » Computer scripting/programming
- » Network and server administration
- » Fixed and mobile platforms
- » Open source solutions

Positions held

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| » Executive Director | WestCOG | 2015- |
| » Deputy Director | CCRPA | 2012-2014 |
| » Senior Planner/IT Manager | CCRPA | 2010-2012 |
| » Regional Planner | CCRPA | 2008-2010 |
| » Resource Assistant | Connecticut DEP | 2005 |

Educational history

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| » Ph.D., Geography | University of Connecticut | 2015 (expected) |
| » M.A., Geography | University of Connecticut | 2013 (4.0 GPA) |
| » Graduate Certificate, GIS | University of Connecticut | 2009 |
| » M.A., Environmental Management | Freie Universität Berlin (Germany) | 2007 |
| » B.A., German and Political Science | Princeton University | 2004 |

Awards

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| » Innovation Award | National Association of Development Organizations | 2014 |
| » Innovative Plan of the Year | American Planning Association, Connecticut Chapter | 2013 |
| » Graduate Fellowship | Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst | 2005 |

Community involvement

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| » Treasurer | King's Mark Resource Conservation & Development Council |
| » Member and former Secretary | Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board |
| » Regional representative | Regional Brownfields Partnership |
| » Governing committee member | Environmental Review Team |

General skills

- » Intimate familiarity with Connecticut and its institutions (native Nutmegger)
- » Excellent spoken and written English, professional fluency in German
- » Relations with governing boards and local, state, and federal partners
- » Stakeholder engagement and public speaking/outreach
- » Project development, management, and performance metrics
- » Policy analysis, including statistical and geospatial techniques
- » Troubleshooting and technical assistance/support
- » Financial planning and budgeting
- » Grant writing and administration

Personal interests

Technology, big data, geographic information science, policy efficiency, travel, mountain biking, Scrabble

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