

John W. Howard III

EDUCATION:

M.S., Humphrey School of Public Affairs - University of Minnesota, (Minneapolis campus)

Program: Science, Technology and Environmental Policy (STEP)

Graduation: July 2016

B.A., St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota

Major: Biology and an Environmental Studies Concentration

Graduation: Class of 2010

Blandin Community Leadership Program, Blandin Foundation, Grand Rapids, MN

Member of the 2018 Winona Cohort. The training focused on building leadership skills and connections to make meaningful change in our home communities.

NASA Earth Ambassador Training - Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD.

Completed October 2011. The training focused on key elements of climate change science and public resources offered by NASA. Selected out of a national pool of applicants for the program.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Natural Resources and Sustainability Coordinator, *City of Winona, MN, August 2016 -*

Present: Advance sustainability initiatives and maintain compliance with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit. Specific work duties include serving as a liaison to resident groups, updating Green Step Cities reporting, presenting to the Winona City Council on City initiatives, conducting on-site stormwater inspections, writing grants and grant compliance. Specific achievements include enrolling the City in the Green Step Cities program, completing an energy action plan through Xcel Energy's Partners in Energy program, passing a pollinator friendly City policy, re-energizing the City's Citizens Environmental Quality advisory committee, and winning grants to restore Lake Winona.

Environmental Specialist, *EVS, Inc., Eden Prairie, MN, May 2010–August 2016:* Prepared

and reviewed environmental permitting and Phase I Environmental Site Assessment reports. Performed due diligence for wind energy projects including research and guidance on environmental regulations. Assisted in proposals and helped manage internal documentation.

AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS:

Board Member, *Conservation Minnesota, Aug. 2023-Present:* Help guide organizational priorities and policy. Provide insight on local governmental issues and state policy.

Commissioner, *Winona County Parks & Environment Commission, Winona, January 2019 - Present:* Serve as a volunteer to help guide maintenance and facility improvements to the County park system. Also assist with recycling policy, invasive species control, and seeking grant funding.

Steering Committee Member, *South East Minnesota Clean Energy Resource Team (SE CERT), April 2018- Present:* CERTs provides non-partisan education and resources to implement community based clean energy projects. Steering committee members help

determine focus areas for our region, serve as a local point of contact, provide information about CERTs for people in the region, and evaluate grant proposals.

Board Member, *League of Women Voters Upper Mississippi River Region Inter-League Organization (UMRR-ILO)*, May 2017 - June 2021: The UMRR-ILO is a multi-state effort to improve the water quality of the Mississippi River by coordinating between local League of Women Voters chapters. Provide recommendations for strategy and initiatives of the organization. Work to connect the organization with resources being developed by other organizations to leverage efforts.

Student Member, *University of Minnesota Solar University (SUN) Delegation*, Spring 2016: The delegation was a project supported by the U.S. Department of Energy's SunShot Initiative. The specific goal of the delegation was to facilitate implementation of solar energy on the University campus.

Commissioner and Working Group Member of the *City of Edina Energy and Environment Commission*: Member of the Education and Outreach Working Group from early 2011 through the summer of 2016, member of the Energy Working Group from 2011 until its disbanding in 2013. Appointed as a commissioner by the Edina City Council in March 2013, and served until March 2016.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE:

U.N. COP 17 (Conference of the Parties), Durban, South Africa, December 2011: Attended the week and a half annual U.N. conference on climate change policy, which was held in Durban, South Africa. Gained perspective on international views of the issue and attended many educational sessions concerning climate change.

CERTIFICATIONS:

Level 1 Turfgrass Maintenance, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA): Attended a training and passed an exam on environmentally friendly turf maintenance procedures. Initially certified in 2012 and recertified in 2019.

Smart Salting Level 1, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency: Attended a training and passed an exam on ways to minimize salt use as part of winter road clearing. Certified in 2018, and 2023.

Construction Stormwater Site Manager, U of MN Erosion Control Program: Attended a course of proper erosion control procedures, and passed a certification exam in 2017, 2020, and 2023.

DNR Trained Volunteer Rattlesnake Responder: Trained in the summer of 2019 to relocate wild rattlesnakes posing a threat to area residents and pets.