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### CAREER SUMMARY

AICP-certified professional planner and ACCO-certified Climate Change Professional (CC-P) with over 20 years of experience in public service, project management, process improvement, and collaborative efforts with stakeholders and state and federal agencies. Education and experience in environmental science, resource conservation, marine policy, public administration, leadership, regulatory permitting, land use and transportation planning, redevelopment, grant reporting, and public outreach,

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **Deputy Director**

Delaware Department of Transportation, Div. of Resilience & Sustainability 2024-Present

- Develop and implement projects related to resiliency initiatives including the design and construction of transportation infrastructure projects, greenhouse gas emission reduction projects and initiatives, construction of electric vehicle charging infrastructure and equity related programs.
- Utilize data-driven approaches to prioritize initiatives based on their potential impact and feasibility.
- Integrate green infrastructure solutions to mitigate the impacts of climate change on transportation systems.
- Ensure design and construction of transportation infrastructure projects enhance resilience, such as resilient roadways, bridges, and public transit systems.
- Coordinate efforts with intra- and intergovernmental agencies to streamline initiatives and avoid duplication of efforts.
- Engage with the public, legislators, local governments to improve the resiliency and sustainability of DelDOT's transportation network.

#### **Principal Planner**

Office Of State Planning Coordination - Dover, Delaware 2017 - 2024

- Provide oversight and leadership for inter-agency and inter-governmental planning activities ensuring consistency with existing policy and regulatory requirements.
- Provide planning policy direction to agency officials, the Governor's Office, the Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues, and the General Assembly.
- Formulate strategies that support objectives and activities of State planning/policy, including changes in direction and new initiatives.
- Serve as primary contact for planning assistance for New Castle County local governments and integrate state-level plans with other state, federal, and local agencies and the private sector.
- Guide the Resilient and Sustainable Communities League (RASCL) as a steering committee member. RASCL is a collaborative network of state, nonprofit, and academic partners that focus on providing resources, technical assistance, and planning to Delaware's communities and local governments.
- Guide county and municipal governments in developing comprehensive land use plans to address various factors such as population growth, housing needs, economic development, transportation, climate change resiliency, and hazard mitigation.

## **Resource Planner IV**

DNREC, Delaware Coastal Programs - Dover, Delaware

08/2015 - 10/2017

- Implement all aspects of the Federal Consistency regulatory program ensuring that federal actions affecting Delaware's coastal resources comply with state regulations and policies. This includes grant task development and reporting, staff supervision, and process improvements.
- Provide recommendations to Delaware's congressional leaders, gubernatorial staff, and Department senior leadership on coastal and environmental policy initiatives, legislative changes, and federal regulations. Secured authority for Delaware review of projects in adjacent states and on the Outer Continental Shelf with potential coastal resource impacts such as large-scale dredging, oil and gas surveying and exploration, and offshore alternative energy projects.
- Review large-scale planning projects and supporting NEPA documentation, and draft coordinated responses from multiple agencies within the state's natural resources department and other state departments when applicable.
- Cultivated close working relationships with federal and state agencies to advance coastal policy initiatives including resource conservation, climate-change preparedness, and hazard mitigation.
- Received the 2018 Governor's Team Excellence Award for a collaborative multi-agency review process.

## **Environmental Scientist**

DNREC, Delaware Coastal Programs - Dover, Delaware

05/2002 - 07/2015

- Progressed through career ladder by demonstrating core competencies at levels I, II, and III in the environmental scientist series.
- Senior staff member of team charged with developing statewide Sea Level Rise vulnerability assessment, action plan, and outreach strategy. Led Natural Resources workgroup comprised of state agency, university, and non-profit leaders to assess sea level rise impacts on Delaware's environmental assets.
- Reviewed and assessed environmental impacts of a wide range of activities and negotiated improvements with developers and applicants to protect resources.
- Supervised, and provided guidance and training to Delaware Coastal Programs staff to ensure environmental reviews are procedurally correct and impacts are minimized.
- Coordinated response from Department and/or State of Delaware on high-profile priority projects and initiatives.
- Obtained necessary permits, drafted and executed contracts for services, collected and analyze data, and revised and reviewed technical reports for various grant-funded research projects.

## **AFFILIATIONS**

Dover City Council Member, elected 2021

American Institute of Certified Planners

American Planning Association, Delaware Chapter

Delaware Quality Partnership

## **EDUCATION**

Master of Science: Management

Wilmington University - Dover, Delaware

- Public Administration

Bachelor of Science: Agriculture

University Of Delaware - Newark, Delaware

- Environmental Science