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## EDUCATION

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**

Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

### **MASTER'S OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND SCIENCE- EXPECTED COMPLETION JANUARY 2007**

Johns Hopkins University

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### **PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF QUADE AND DOUGLAS**

#### **Environmental Planner – April 2006 – Present**

Assist with NEPA documents- Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements- for transportation and transit projects in the Denver area. Perform wetland delineations and biological assessments. Assist with different aspects of the NEPA permitting processes.

### **HEY & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

#### **Environmental Scientist - November 2004 – March 2006**

#### **Wetland Management Intern - April 2002 – October 2002**

Perform wetland delineations and assessments in the field. Write and submit reports and permit applications to the Army Corps of Engineers, local municipalities, the Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Also have frequent contact and meetings with the above agencies. Provided assistance on wetland monitoring- including wildlife and vegetative surveys and performed FQI data entry.

### **KANE COUNTY WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

#### **Water Resources Scientist- November 2002 - November 2004**

Reviewed wetland plans and delineations that came through the department. Investigated wetland, floodplain and soil erosion and sediment control violations. Helped implement the Farm Drainage Assistance Program and worked with farmers to better their drainage. Interacted with the public, politicians and other government officials on a regular basis. Applied for grant monies for environmental projects and helped review wetland permits. Did frequent research on current environmental issues facing Kane County and Illinois.

## ACTIVITIES

### **CAMPAIGN MANAGER FOR KANE COUNTY BOARD CANDIDATE**

### **ELECTION JUDGE**

### **MEMBER OF FOX RIVER ECOSYSTEM PARTNERSHIP**

### **MEMBER OF THE SIERRA CLUB**

### **CASCADE AIDS PROJECT VOLUNTEER**