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QUALIFICATIONS

Strategic Transportation Planning ~ Outreach and Communications ~ SOW and Proposal Writing ~ Data Acquisition and Analysis
Pilot Program Analysis ~ Participatory Leadership ~ Project Planning and Management ~ Environmental Benefit Assessments

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Regional Transportation Authority

Chicago, Illinois

Governing agency performing oversight, funding and regional transit planning for the six county region's transit operators, including Chicago Transit Authority, Metra, Pace Suburban Bus, and Pace ADA Paratransit.

Strategic Planning Intern

May 2018 – July 2019

- Developed proposal template for local and regional partnerships to promote innovation and improving transit service.
- Established and co-authored a strategic plan for the development of autonomous vehicles in the Chicagoland area based on domestic and international best practices related to multi-stage autonomous vehicle development and deployment.
- Developed and launched micro-transit first-mile/last-mile project in Oak Brook, IL, including marketing strategies, daily operations, ridership data requirements, and development and assessment of customer satisfaction survey.
- Conducted extensive geographic information systems analyses to update the *Regional Transit Market Assessment Report* through demographic data analyses that resulted in the identification of the regions transit system strengths and weaknesses.
 - Results contributed to the *Invest in Transit 2018-2023 Regional Transit Strategic Plan for Chicago and NE Illinois*

Trajectory Energy Partners

Chicago, Illinois

Leader in promoting regional energy efficiency and policy development to connect landowners and electricity users, in addition to engaging communities for the development and growth of solar energy projects with local support.

Solar Developer Intern

November 2017 – February 2018

- Identified prime land parcels for the installation of renewable solar systems through GIS analysis of local municipalities.
- Developed local policy recommendations for renewable energy programs based on case studies to improve practices.
 - Analysis resulted in a new business lead in Stephenson County, IL

Urbana Park District

Urbana, Illinois

One of Illinois' oldest park districts related to preservation of natural resources and social services for residents by managing parks, recreation and event facilities, lagoons, conservatories, and gardens throughout Urbana.

Program Leader and Nature Facilitator

May 2017 – August 2017

- Developed and presented lessons towards young children regarding air and water pollution, human impact on the natural environment, and strategies for carbon footprint reduction.
- Managed activities and daily operations of children related to quality, safety, and environmental education.
- Assisted park district coordinators in the facilitation of local community development music and art events.

EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Chicago

Chicago, Illinois

Master of Urban Planning and Policy in Environmental Planning & Policy

May 2019

- Geo-spatial Analysis and Data Visualization Certificate
- Vice President of Graduate Urban Planning and Policy Student Association
- *Best Student Project Award* Recipient – American Planning Association Illinois Chapter
- Thesis – *Redeveloping 13200 Chicago Street: A Green Infrastructure Proposal and Socioeconomic Valuation Analysis*

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Urbana, Illinois

Bachelor of Science in Earth, Society and Environmental Sustainability

May 2017

Illinois Central College

East Peoria, Illinois

Associate of Science

May 2015

SOFTWARE SKILLS

- Microsoft Project & Suite – Extensive Knowledge
- Adobe InDesign – Working Knowledge
- Adobe Illustrator – Working Knowledge
- Geographic Information Systems – Extensive Knowledge
- NetLogo Modeling Software – Working Knowledge
- Vensim Simulation Software – Working Knowledge