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OBJECTIVE

To use Ecology and Landscape Architecture for the protection, preservation and restoration of the natural world, its ecosystems and human environments.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chester Community Greenhouse and Gardens, Inc. President, Board of Directors. Facilitate board meetings; develop strategic plan for the new nonprofit organization, managing siting and restoration of the historic greenhouse, and creation and implementation of the associated community gardens; give community presentations on the status of the project.

Mountain Valley Climate Action 350VT. Founding Leader and Organizer. Design, manage and coordinate educational events, community outreach and projects relating to sustainability, climate change and climate science, including lectures and talks.

Planning Commission, Chester, Vermont. Planning Commission Member working on Town Plan revision, Zoning District changes, and Unified Development Bylaws update.

Landscape Design & Ecosystem Restoration. State College and Valley Forge area, PA; Syracuse, NY; Chester, VT. Design and facilitate implementation of private and public landscapes, including period, theme and water gardens. Forest, riparian and wetland ecosystem restoration.

Phoenixville Area Time Bank. Phoenixville, PA. Board of Directors, Membership Committee, Public Relations and Fundraising Committee. Collaborative design and management of fundraising and membership activities. Advice and education given in ecosystem restoration, landscape design, and plants, edible and ornamental and sustainable living. Foraging and plant identification walks and organization of group activities. Organizing committee for Phoenixville Green Team's 2015 Green Earth Festival.

Advanced GeoServices Corporation. West Chester, PA. Senior Staff Professional I Ecological Services team leader. Developed ecological services, brochure, and statement of qualifications. Ecosystem restoration. Identification of native and non-native invasive plants. Environmental impact assessment. Best management practices. Sustainable design. Project designer. Site design, design development, master planning, site planning, grading, planting design, presentation graphics.

David Miller/Associates. Lancaster, PA. Project Manager and designer. Managed land development projects. Preliminary design, design development, master planning, site planning, planting design, presentation graphics.

Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Advisory Committee. State College, PA. Advise and recommend on issues regarding development and operation of the Nature center since its inception in 1997, including policies, rules, standards, improvements, and funding.

Fox Hill Gardens. State College, PA. Landscape Operations Supervisor and Landscape Designer. Managed the Landscape and Nursery Department. Managed personnel including review hiring and training Landscape and Nursery departments. Designed approximately 35 site plans during the season including water gardens. Conducted site analysis, estimated cost, and implemented installation, directing the landscape crews.

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Millbrook Marsh Nature Center. State College, PA. Project Manager of US EPA Wetlands Development Grant “Enhancing the Role of Millbrook Marsh Nature Center in the Spring Creek Watershed” after completing the grant application and Quality Assurance Project Plan. Initiation, coordination, and development of 7 project components, identifying consultants and professional services to implement the project components, presenting proposals, determining and monitoring project costs and coordinating with Centre Region Parks and Recreation staff, reporting to the US EPA, and coordinating and fostering partnerships with non-profit organizations, local government agencies, universities, and members of the private sector. Developed the Millbrook Marsh Wetland Website. Designed, implemented and directed Best Management Practices workshops. Implemented replacement of native and removal of invasive non-native plant species. Development of interpretive signage and other project components. Led nature walks.

Greenways. Yonkers, NY. Designed and implemented landscape plans.

"Au & Wasenweiler - A Comparison of Two Towns." Munich and Freiburg, West Germany.

SUNY Semester Project. Compared the development histories and strategies of two West German towns, emphasizing the impact of economic and population growth from the nearby cities. Proposed future planning and development strategies in the two towns as well as applications for town planning in the United States.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Longview Center for Agriculture. Collegetown, PA. CSA Farm Workshare Member. Harvesting and organic farming. Education and natural crafts at Farmer Showdown and market days.

Multiline International Europa. Bad Homburg, West Germany. Technical writing and graphics in the printed circuit board industry.

SOFTWARE CAPABILITIES

AutoCAD. certification
ArcGIS 9.1. Arcview - ESRI certification
Photoshop, Sketch Up, Microsoft Office, etc.

MEMBERSHIPS

Mid-Atlantic Invasive Plants Council, Society for Ecological Restoration, Pennsylvania Native Plant Society, Green America, Pinchot Institute for Conservation.

OTHER SKILLS

Home Education Teacher Grades 3-10.
Speak and read German.
Some abilities in French.
Excellent language acquisition skills.

ACHIEVEMENTS

President's Honor List, State University of New York.
Burke Residence featured in the 2003 Bellefonte Garden Tour.
Potash-Hurd Residence featured in the Syracuse Herald Journal.
Ginoza Residence featured in Centre Daily Times and National Garden Conservancy Open Days
Monsell Residence featured in the 2000 Bellefonte Garden Tour.

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EDUCATION

Master of Science, Ecology.
Pennsylvania State University.

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, Cum laude.
SUNY, College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

PUBLICATIONS

Covid, Climate, and Culture. Climate+Covid-19, Issue 2, Fall 2020. 350Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Sustainable Landscape Design and Maintenance. Merion Matters, February 2012. King of Prussia, PA.

Protection and Management Plan for the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center. Brooks, Robert P., Kenneth R. Tamminga, Cheryl J. Lipton, Robert F. Carline, Dennis Genito, and Rick L. Day. 1998. Penn State Cooperative Wetlands Center Report No. 98-2, 98.5, Forest Resources Laboratory, Pennsylvania State University. University Park, PA.

The Natural History of Millbrook Marsh, A Wetland in an Urbanizing Setting. Cheryl J. Lipton 1998. Masters Thesis. Report No. pending, Penn State Cooperative Wetlands Center, Forest Resources Laboratory, Pennsylvania State University. University Park, PA.

Downtown Syracuse Urban Design Study. Syracuse, New York.

Written by the members of LSA 522, Urban Design Studio with Professor George W. Curry. 1990. State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Faculty of Landscape Architecture. Syracuse, NY

Au & Wasenweiler - A Comparison of Two Towns Unpublished Undergraduate Thesis Project. Munich and Freiburg, West Germany. Compared the development histories and strategies of two West German towns, emphasizing the impact of economic and population growth from the nearby cities. Proposed future planning and development strategies in the two towns as well as applications for town planning in the United States.