

# DAVID R. WILWERDING, AICP

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## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

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An accomplished leader, manager and land use planner with extensive experience in the public sector, including a comprehensive knowledge of the principles, practices, and methods of community planning. Demonstrated ability in project management, current planning, long range planning and implementation, economic development, GIS, and presentations to commissions, council and citizen groups. Offering strong leadership, team, and communications skills with the ability to work effectively with local elected officials and the general public.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **City of Johnston, Iowa**

#### ***Community Development Director, May 2007 – Present***

- Supervise, plan, organize, direct and evaluate the work of 7.5 FTE employees responsible for all departmental activities including Planning and Zoning, Building Inspection and Permitting, Code Enforcement and Geographic Information Systems
- Develop and administer the departmental budget in excess of \$800,000 annually
- Manage and direct the planning, design, public involvement, construction and implementation of contracted public projects including:
  - o Merle Hay Road Redevelopment Plan
  - o Johnston 2030 Comprehensive Plan, the first comprehensive plan updated to occur in over ten years
  - o Watershed Assessment and Stormwater Management Plan, the first ever comprehensive study of stormwater infrastructure, this plan won the 2010 Iowa Water Conference Award for a Watershed Plan
  - o Merle Hay Road Gateway Redevelopment Plan, this plan won the 2014 APA Iowa Award for Innovation in Economic Development and Planning
  - o Multiple public infrastructure projects (water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer)
- Assist in the preparation of the capital improvement program with a primary focus on public infrastructure (water, sanitary sewer, storm water management, and streets) to serve expansion areas and future development, including development of connection fee districts to fund such expansions
- Direct and manage the study, public education and implementation of a storm water utility including the budgeting and programming for the \$700,000 annual revenue and all construction related projects funded by the utility
- Assist in the development and implementation of the City's economic development, tax increment financing and incentive programs
- Author grant applications and lobbying materials for multiple public projects resulting in excess of \$10 million in funding through Congressional Appropriations, Surface Transportation Program, Watershed Improvement Review Board, and IJobs funding sources
- Represent City on regional initiatives including the Des Moines Area MPO Transportation Technical Committee and Planning Subcommittee, Water Trails Steering Committee, and Greater Des Moines Partnership's D.C. Trips (2004-2007)

#### ***Senior Planner, October 2005 – May 2007***

- Perform all duties of Community Development Director in his absence
- Supervise daily activities of the GIS Coordinator and Planning Intern
- All other duties as noted below in City Planner position

#### ***City Planner, September 2002 – October 2005***

- Communicate and coordinate with other city departments, developers, engineers, landscape architects, consultants, property owners, and citizens regarding development and planning issues
- Review annexation, rezoning, plat, site plan, and Board of Adjustment applications for compliance with City Codes and present reports to Board of Adjustment, Plan and Zoning Commission and City Council
- Research and develop revisions to the comprehensive plan, subdivision regulations, zoning ordinance, building and housing codes and other regulations and policies related to community development

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

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### **Iowa State University, Department of Community and Regional Planning, Ames, Iowa**

#### ***Lecturer, August 2011 – Present***

- CRP 432 – Community Planning Studio II: Instruct and direct class of Junior/Senior Community and Regional Planning students to complete a community based comprehensive planning study, including the following projects:
  - Fall 2011 – Storm Lake, Iowa, Housing Needs Assessment and Workforce Housing Plan
  - Fall 2012 – Pleasant Hill, Iowa, Southeast Connector Subarea Plan
  - Fall 2013 – Pleasant Hill, Iowa, Parks and Trails Master Plan and Business District Subarea Plan
  - Fall 2014 – Elkhart, Iowa, Comprehensive Plan
  - Fall 2015 – Ames Economic Development Commission Downtown Housing Assessment and Workforce Housing Plan
- CRP 442 – Site Development: Spring 2014: Instruct class of Junior/Senior Community and Regional Planning students on key concepts related to site development, real estate, and municipal zoning and subdivision review

### **Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Urbandale, Iowa**

#### ***Transportation Planner: August 2001 – September 2002***

#### ***Assistant Transportation Planner: May 2000 – August 2001***

- Developed and updated Transportation Improvement Program to identify all metropolitan transportation projects receiving federal funding
- Administered application, review, and selection process for Federal Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancement funding
- Co-authored the Goods Movement in the Des Moines Metropolitan Area a report, inventory and analysis of the goods movement industry and related transportation network
- Worked with Metropolitan Area Planning Directors to develop generalized land use classifications and comprehensive land use map for greater Des Moines metropolitan area
- Created and maintained organization website

### **City of West Des Moines, Iowa**

#### ***Planning Intern, May 1999 – August 1999, December 1999 – April 2000***

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## EDUCATION

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### **Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa**

Masters Degree in Public Administration, December 2010

Pi Alpha Alpha National Honor Society

### **Iowa State University, College of Design, Ames, Iowa**

Bachelor of Science Degree with Distinction in Community and Regional Planning, May 2000

Golden Key and Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Societies

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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, CERTIFICATIONS AND VOLUNTEERISM

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- American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP): 2004 – Present
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/Department of Homeland Security (DHS) National Incident Management System (IS-00700.a) Certification
  - National Chapter Presidents Council: 2010 – 2012
- American Planning Association Iowa Chapter Board of Directors: 2004 – Present
  - Leadership, Networking and Professional Development Chair: 2014 - Present
  - Presidential Term, (President Elect: 2008 – 2010, President 2010-2012, Past President 2012- 2014)
  - Awards Coordinator, 2004 – 2008
  - Member of the Conference Planning Committees: 2002, 2007, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015
  - Conference Planning Committee Chair: 2009 and 2010
  - Outstanding Chapter Service Award: 2009 and 2012
- Iowa Smart Planning Task Force Member 2009-2010
- Iowa Planning Officials Academy Steering Committee and Instructor: 2006 – 2007
- Johnston Community School District JUMP Mentoring Program: 2005 – 2014
- Commentator at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church, Ankeny: 2002 – Present