

# Nathan C. Unsworth

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## Professional Experience

### *Administrative Superintendent*

*April 2011-present*

City of Newton (Newton, IA)

I lead the Parks and Grounds Division within the City of Newton Public Works Department. I supervise more than 30 staff members. I oversee major park facilities including Westwood Golf Course and Maytag Pool. I collaborate with the Park and Cemetery Superintendents to coordinate facility maintenance and park projects.

As a member of the administration team, I assist the Public Works Director with managing the division's \$1.3 million budget and leading capital improvement projects. I have helped implement the award-winning "Get to Know Newton" community outreach program. I work closely with the Park Secretary to provide outstanding customer service to all citizens, coordinate facility rentals and usage, and finalize all financial matters for the division. I collaborate with the Newton Park Board and other citizen advisory groups to set long-term park goals and new park initiatives. I also coordinate major park events including Fourth of July Fireworks and summer concert series, direct the division's marketing and public relations efforts, and advise community leaders and citizens on issues pertaining to natural resources.

### *Assistant Naturalist*

*January 2008 – April 2011*

Jasper County Conservation (Newton, IA)

I collaborated with colleagues to develop various environmental education and outdoor recreation programs. Together, we served 7 schools within the county and provided numerous public programs throughout the year. I coordinated volunteer activities, assisted with habitat work and park improvements, secured additional funding for programs and equipment, and helped with promotion and advocacy.

## Education

M.S. Administration: Organizational Leadership  
University of South Dakota in Vermillion, SD

Anticipated Completion: 2017

Certified Public Manager Course  
Drake University/Iowa Department of Administrative Services in Des Moines, IA

December 2015

B.S. Animal Ecology: Wildlife (Minor: Agronomy)  
Iowa State University in Ames, IA

December 2007

## Awards & Recognition

2015 Program of the Year (Get to Know Newton)  
Iowa City's Managers Association

2015 People's All-Star Community Award (Get to Know Newton)  
Iowa League of Cities

2015 Iowa Tourism Award for Outstanding New Event (Newton Fest)  
Iowa Tourism Office & the Travel Federation of Iowa

2009 Outstanding Environmental Education Program  
Iowa Association of Naturalists & Iowa Conservation Education Coalition

2007 Outstanding Senior (Distinguished Service Award)  
ISU College of Agriculture & Life Sciences

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## Leadership Training

2013 City of Newton LEAD Training

2013 Iowa Soybean Association's Ag-Urban Leadership Initiative

2012 Iowa Park & Recreation Association's Leadership Institute

## Certifications

Commercial Pesticide Applicator (3OT)

Certified Pool Operator

Hunter Education Instructor

## Civic Leadership

Project AWAKE Board (2008-present)

President: 2012-2014

Vice President: 2011

5K Coordinator: 2013-2015

Plant Sale Coordinator: 2011-2012

Jasper County Young Professionals (2012-present)

Secretary/Treasurer: 2015

Social Chair: 2015

Newton Fest Committee (2015-present)

Co-Chair: 2015-present

Jasper County Pheasants Forever Chapter (2010-present)

Treasurer: 2013-present

Iowa Association of Naturalists (2008-2014)

Treasurer: 2010-2011

Awards Chair: 2009-2011

Newton Dog Park Steering Committee

Co-Chair: 2010

Newton Wellness Coalition (2012-present)

Newton Convention and Visitor Bureau Board (2013-2015)

## References

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Director—Jasper County Conservation

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*Natalie Umsted*

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*Bruce Showalter*

Former Newton Park Board Member

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