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**WORK EXPERIENCE**

## Interim Development, Planning & Inspection Manager, City of West Des Moines

## (September 2013-Present)

West Des Moines, IA

* Managed a staff of 13 with 5 direct reports
* Balanced high department workload keeping staff motivated and productive
* Provided guidance for development projects
* Communicated status of development activities to the Mayor and City Council

**City Manager Assistant, City of West Des Moines (June 2010-Present)**

Wes Des Moines, IA

* Coordinated employee leadership development training
* Lead reinvigoration of City continuous process improvement program
* Oversaw publication of WDM Magazine
* Administered West Des Moines website and local access channel content
* Chaired sustainability initiative

## City Planner, City of West Des Moines (October 2006 – June 2010)

West Des Moines, IA

* Managed multiple unique projects simultaneously, coordinating efforts of clients, departments, and consultants to direct projects from initiation to successful finish.
* Educated self for special assignments to the benefit of the City such as wetlands mitigation banking and wind energy regulations.
* Articulated complex issues to decision making bodies via written and oral communications.
* Supplied long term planning expertise for Comprehensive Plan update.

## Executive Director, Grimes Chamber and Economic Development (January 2005-October 2006)

Grimes, IA

* Piloted developers through government regulations and the development process
* Coordinated annual community festival, Grimes Funtastic Days.
* Organized business education luncheons.
* Restructured Grimes economic development loan fund to allow more flexible use.

## Executive Director, Jones County Economic Development Commission (May 2002-January 2005)

## Jones County, IA

* Secured grant monies in excess of $1 million to benefit of Jones County communities and businesses.
* Authored and instituted City of Anamosa Main Street façade improvement program.
* Founded Jones County Industrial Roundtable meetings uncovering local business needs and opportunities.
* Coached local community groups on quality of life issues.

## Agent, New York Life, (November 2001-May 2002)

Cedar Rapids, IA

* Provided opportunity for appropriate protections for life events

## Village Planner, Village of Frankfort (July 2000-November 2001)

## Frankfort, IL

* Reviewed and analyzed development proposals.
* Led project kick off meetings.
* Overhauled Village of Frankfort Zoning Ordinance.
* Communicated with citizens regarding Village activities and development.

**EDUCATION**

**American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) Certification (May 2008)**

**MA in Urban and Regional Planning (May 2000)**

University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

**BA in Anthropology (May 1998)**

University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

**COMPUTER SKILLS**

**Microsoft Applications (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Publisher, Outlook, SharePoint)**

**ArcGIS**

**Pinnacle**

**PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

American Institute of Certified Planners (May 2008-Present)

American Planning Association (August 1998-Present)

City of Grimes Library Board of Trustees (March 2011-Present)

City of Grimes Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee (August 2009-August 2010)

City of Grimes Citizen’s Advisory Committee (October 2008-June 2009)

Des Moines Choral Society (January 2006-Present)

Des Moines Choral Society Board of Directors (June 2008-Present)

Drake University Certified Public Manager Advisory Board (May 2013-Present)

Greater Des Moines Partnership Government Policy Council (March 2005-October 2006)

East Central Iowa Council of Governments Board of Directors (November 2002-January 2005)

Monticello Community Planning Board (June 2002-January 2005)

Monticello Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee (2003)

Professional Developers of Iowa (May 2002-October 2006)