SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & THE ENVIRONMENT

3 year term

- Nine members appointed by Council
    - One member with demonstrated expertise in the field of energy management;
    - one member currently involved in a substantial way in the operation of a business within the City of Asheville;
    - one member currently employed in the construction industry with the City of Asheville;
    - one member currently employed in the real estate development industry with the City of Asheville;
    - and the remaining five members are at large appointments
- Only seat defined above noted on membership list is expertise in field of energy management. No others noted.

<u>Sustainable Advisory Committee on Energy & Environment</u> - (3 year term)

Geoffrey Habron
Term to expire 12-31-20
Served two terms

-NOT eligible for reappointment

Renee Mazurek
Term to expire 12-31-20
Served one term

-NOT interested in reappointment

John Noor
Term to expire 12-31-20
Served two terms

-NOT eligible for reappointment

CURRENT MEMBERS	TERM EXPIRES	APPOINTED	TERMS	RESIDENT	RACE	HOMEOWNER/RENTER	SEX	AREA	OCCUPATION
Geoffrey Habron habrong@gmail.com	12-31-20	01-09-18 01-12-16	2 1	City	AA	H	M	West	Director of ePortfolio
Anna Priest (Chair) anna@ashevillebookeep.com	12-31-21	01-08-19	1 Unexp.	City	Hispani	H	F	Central	
Maggie Gulick maggie.gulick@gmail.com	12-31-22	01-14-20 01-10-17	2	City	W	H	F	Central	Self-employed
Keith McDade keith.mcdade@lr.edu	12-31-21	01-08-19 01-12-16	2 1	City	W	H	M	North	Assoc Prof of Sustainability Studies
Anne. E. Keller (Vice Chair) kellera1973@gmail.com	12-31-22	01-14-20 01-10-17	2	City	W	H	F		Retired
Renee Mazurek reneemaz@gmail.com	12-31-20	01-09-18	1	City	W	H	F	South	Adjnct Faculty/Geolgy AB Tech
Chris Pelrine embry.chris@gmail.com	12-31-21	02-12-18	1	City	W	H	M	Central	Portfolio Energy & Sustainability Jones Land LaSalle
John Noor jdnoor1@gmail.com	12-31-20	01-09-18 01-27-15	2 1	City	W		M	East	Attorney
Alison Ormsby (expertise in field of energy management) ormsbyaa@gmail.com	12-31-22	01-14-20	1	City	W	H	F	West	Adjunct Faculty in Environmental Studies UNC Asheville

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Member for
Electric Power Utility Serving Asheville

Chair: Anna Priest (repl. Keith McDade)
Council: Sage Turner
Staff: Amber Weaver

SUSTAINABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Name	Male	Female	Black	White	Other	North	East	South	West	Central	City	County
VACANT												
Priest		X			X					X	X	
Gulick		X		X						X	X	
McDade	X			X		X					X	
Keller		X		X							X	
VACANT												
Pelrine	X			X						X	X	
VACANT												
Ormsby		X		X					X		X	

APPLICANT FName	APPLICANT LName	Email	DATE SUBMITTED APPLICATION	RESIDENT	HOMEOWNER/ RENTER	RACE	SEX	AREA	OCCUPATION
Kim	**Austin**	kim.austin41@gmail.com	12-11-20	City	H	W	F	North	Produce Specialist US Foods
Steven	**Baron**	sbaron@baronconsel.com	12-14-20	City	H	W	M	East	N/A
Lynn	**Hurley**	lynn@hurleyconstructionsolutions.com	12-14-20	City	H	W	F	East	Owner Self
Carlisle	**Rankin Harper**	carlisle.rankin@gmail.com	12-16-20	City	H	W	F	West	3rd Grade Teacher Invest Collegiatye Imagine Public Chart School
Ben	**Prater**	gprater@gmail.com	12-17-20	COUNTY	H	W	M	South	Southeast Program Director Defenders of Wildlife
Kathryn	**Ancaya**	kate@livingroofsinc.com	12-18-20	City	H	W	F	South/ East	Landscape Architect Living Roofs Inc.

APPLICANT FName	APPLICANT LName	Email	DATE SUBMITTED APPLICATION	RESIDENT	HOMEOWNER/ RENTER	RACE	SEX	AREA	OCCUPATION
Tim	**Ormond**	tormond@blueearth.us	12-22-20	City	H	W	M	West	President/Principal Engineer Blue Earth Planning, Engineering & Design, PC
Kelsey	**Wood**	kelseywood@gmail.com	12-28-20	City	H	N/R	F	West	Adjunct Instructor AB Tech

City of Asheville

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Application Form

Applicants are strongly urged to attend several meetings of a board prior to applying

Name of board or commission: SUSTAINABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENERGY &

Your name: Kim Austin Home Phone #: 828-545-9014

Street address: 22 Asbury Road City: Asheville Zip Code: 28804

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: US Foods

Your position: Produce Specialist Office Phone #: 828-545-9014

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race White * Sex M___F_✔_* Age 53 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner

Residence location (check one): Central _____ North _✔_____ South _____ East _____ West _____

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that may arise during your service on this board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If so, please explain: none
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Please indicate the area(s) of expertise that you can bring to the above board(s), and then in detail list education, experience, reasons for your interest, and other factors that support your interest in serving **Applicants are encouraged to provide a cover letter and/or a brief resume. Please use additional sheets if necessary.**

My professional history includes work in several leadership positions with sustainably-focused Asheville restaurants, including Green Sage Cafe and Greenlife Grocery. Currently, I am the sustainability expert on our Specialist team at USFoods for the Fort Mill Division.
My passion for environment, food waste and energy has driven me to complete 4 online courses over the past year which center around the United Nations Sustainability Goals.

Accomplishments & Certifications:
* John Hopkins University - Introduction to The U.S. Food Systems, Perspective From Public Health 7/2020
* Delftx - Circular Economy 6/2020
* Sustainable Development Goals Alliance (SDGA) - Cities and the Challenge of Sustainable Development 4/2020
* Sustainable Development Goals Alliance (SDGA) - Feeding a Hungry Planet: Agriculture, Nutrition and Sustainability 4/2020
* Farm To School Committee, WNC 2005
* Slow Food Committee, WNC 2006

See attached

Return to:

Sarah Terwilliger, Deputy City Clerk
Post Office Box 7148
Asheville, N.C. 28802-7148

E-Mail: sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov
Telephone: 259-5839
Fax #: 259-5499

eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com
Kimberly A Austin
Key: df76721a5fe98f6d2aa1f402f0fd5678

Signature: _____

Date: 12/11/2020

E-Mail: kim.austin41@gmail.com

Fax #: 8285459014

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December 11, 2020

Kim Austin
22 Asbury Road
Asheville, NC 28804
828-545-9014

Dear Asheville City Board Commission,
Thank you for the opportunity to apply for this exciting position on the Sustainable Advisory Committee On Energy & Environment.
My professional history includes work in several leadership positions with sustainably-focused Asheville restaurants, including Green Sage Cafe and Greenlife Grocery. Currently, I am the sustainability expert on our Specialist team at USFoods for the Fort Mill Division.
My passion for environment, food waste and energy has driven me to complete 4 online courses over the past year which center around the United Nations Sustainability Goals. Also, I purchased my first electric vehicle this year which was a personal goal.
I know that my passion and knowledge would be a valuable addition to your team.

Gratefully,
Kim Austin

City of Asheville

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Application Form

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Name of board or commission: Sustainability Advisory Committee for Energy and the Environment

Your name: Steven Baron Home Phone #: (512) 569-6944

Street address: 135 Boulder Creek Way City: Asheville Zip Code: 28805

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: n/a

Your position: n/a Office Phone #: _____

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race White * Sex M ✔ F ___ * Age 67 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner

Residence location (check one): Central ____ North _____ South _____ East ✔ West _____

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Please see the attached cover letter and resume. Thank you.

See attached

eSigned via EchoSignDocs.com

Steven Baron

Key: df7572...

Signature: _____

Date: December 14, 2020

E-Mail: sbaron@baroncounsel.com

Fax #: _____

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December 14, 2020

Sarah Terwilliger, Deputy City Clerk
City of Asheville
Post Office Box 7148
Asheville, N.C. 28802

RE: Application for appointment to the Sustainability Advisory Committee on Energy and the Environment

Dear Ms. Terwilliger:

Please accept my application for appointment to the Sustainability Advisory Committee on Energy and the Environment (SACEE). As detailed in the enclosed resume, I have a substantial background in energy regulatory issues from practicing law in Austin, Texas. The last 11 years of my practice focused on renewable energy development.

Since moving to Asheville two years ago, I have followed and supported the City's and Buncombe County's commitment to transition to renewable energy. I have attended meetings of SACEE and the Energy Innovation Task Force (EITF), and I have participated in meetings of EITF's Technical Working Group. I also submitted detailed comments on the Cadmus Group Report on pathways to achieve the City's and County's 100 percent renewable energy goals. Recently I filed short comments in the North Carolina Utilities Commission docket to support Duke Energy Progress's proposal to construct a solar facility on an unused landfill site in Buncombe County.

While the energy regulatory scheme in Texas is somewhat different than North Carolina, I believe that with my background and experience I can make a meaningful contribution through SACEE to help advance the City's renewable energy goals. I am especially interested in supporting the City's advocacy for regulatory changes at the state level that will facilitate our community's transition to renewable energy.

Thank you for considering my application.

Steven Baron
sbaron@baroncounsel.com
(512) 569-6944

Cc: Anna Priest, SACEE Chair
Amber Weaver, AVL Sustainability Officer
Bridget Herring, AVL Energy Program Coordinator

STEVEN BARON

135 Boulder Creek Way
Asheville, North Carolina 28805

sbaron@baroncounsel.com
(512) 569-6944

EXPERIENCE

Steven Baron Consulting and Legal Services (2007–2018)

Provided consulting and legal services based on extensive experience in Texas regulatory law, administrative law, and appellate law as detailed below. Primarily focused on proceedings before the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the Texas courts, and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Worked closely with wind energy developers, electric utilities, state universities, energy storage developers, and other clients in renewable energy, transmission, and other electric regulatory proceedings and related court appeals.

Director of State Programs, Coalition for Evidence-Based Policy, Council for Excellence in Government (2006–2007)

Responsible for leading a public school health and education initiative in Pennsylvania. The Coalition for Evidence-Based Policy, a nonprofit nonpartisan organization based in Washington, D.C., collaborated on this project with the Drexel University School of Public Health and the Pennsylvania Governor's office.

Administrative Law Coordinator and Senior Assistant Attorney General, Natural Resources Division, Office of the Texas Attorney General (1994–2005)

Responsible for coordinating and supervising administrative law and regulatory litigation on behalf of major state agencies including the Texas PUC, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Railroad Commission of Texas, Motor Vehicle Board of the Texas Department of Transportation, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Special emphasis on electric and telecommunications deregulation cases involving representation of the Texas PUC in federal and state courts and before federal regulatory agencies. Provided legal counsel directly to PUC Commissioners and staff on issues in pending litigation and agency proceedings.

Chief, Public Utilities Section, Energy Division, Office of the Texas Attorney General (1987–1994) (Assistant Attorney General, 1986–87)

Represented the Texas PUC in major appeals involving nuclear power plant construction and other regulatory issues. Also represented the Texas Water Commission (now Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) and the Railroad Commission in water and gas utility litigation. Supervised attorneys in the Public Utilities Section. (The Public Utilities Section was merged into the newly-created Natural Resources Division in 1994, resulting in the broader responsibilities described above.)

Assistant Chief, Antitrust Division, Office of the Texas Attorney General (1984–86) (Assistant Attorney General, 1982–84)

Principal drafter of the Texas Free Enterprise and Antitrust Act of 1983. Litigated and supervised lawsuits on behalf of the State of Texas under the new Texas Act and federal antitrust laws. Counseled state agencies and private business in antitrust compliance.

General and Trial Attorney, United States Civil Aeronautics Board (1978–1982)

Drafted Board decisions, counseled Board members, and participated in administrative hearings implementing the newly-enacted Airline Deregulation Act of 1978.

AWARDS AND SPECIALIZATION

Named by *Best Lawyers* as 2018 "Lawyer of the Year" in Austin, Texas in Administrative/Regulatory Law. Received similar recognition in 2014. Also recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* in Administrative/Regulatory Law for consecutive years 2012–2020.

Ranked in *Chambers USA 2014-2017* in Band 1 in the area of Energy: Regulatory & Litigation (Texas). Recognized in *Chambers USA 2011-13* as one of "Leading Individuals" and "Notable Practitioners" in that area.

Recognized by *TexasMonthly* as a "Super Lawyer" in Texas Administrative Law for consecutive years 2003–2019. Recognized in 2017 as "Top Rated Energy & Natural Resources Attorney in Austin, TX" and in 2016 as a "Super Lawyer" in Energy Law.

Recognized in *TexasMonthly Go-To Lawyers Guide 2007* as one of five "Top-Notch Lawyers" in Administrative/Regulatory Law in Texas.

Board Certified, Administrative Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization 1989–2019.

Council Member, State Bar of Texas Administrative and Public Law Section 1994–98.

Federal CAB Awards for Outstanding Performance and Special Achievement 1978–79, 1980-81.

EDUCATION

B. A. Economics 1975	The University of Michigan School of Literature, Sciences & Arts. Honors with High Distinction.
J. D. 1978	The University of Texas School of Law.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

What is a "Rule"? Navigating a Notoriously Muddled Corner(stone) of Texas Administrative Law, 2016 Annual Advanced Texas Administrative Law Seminar, University of Texas (September 2016).

Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies in Texas: First Principles and Recent Developments, 2013 Annual Advanced Texas Administrative Law Seminar, University of Texas (August 2013) (co-author).

Judicial Review of Administrative Agency Rules: A Question of Timing, Baylor Law Review, Vol. 41, No. 1 (1991) (cited by the supreme courts of Texas and Michigan).

ERCOT from an Administrative Law Perspective, 6th Annual Advanced Administrative Law Seminar, University of Texas School of Law and Administrative and Public Law Section of the State Bar of Texas (August 2011).

Renewable Energy – Selected Case Law Developments, 2011 Wind, Solar and Renewables Institute, The University of Texas School of Law (February 2011).

Competitive Renewable Energy Zones: The Changing Face of Electric Energy Production in Texas, Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section Report, Vol. 34, No. 4, State Bar of Texas (June 2010).

Texas Competitive Renewable Energy Zones 2010 - 2013, 2010 Wind, Solar and Renewables Institute, The University of Texas School of Law (February 2010).

NextGen AdminLaw: Smoothing and Improving the Practice of Administrative Law in Texas, 4th Annual Advanced Administrative Law Seminar, Administrative & Public Law Section, State Bar of Texas (Aug. 2009).

Texas Competitive Renewable Energy Zones: A Progress Report, Wind Energy Institute 2009, The University of Texas School of Law (January 2009)

New Meets Old: Wind Turbines and the Common Law of Nuisance, Wind Energy Institute 2008, The University Texas School of Law (February 2008).

When, Without Legislative Consent, May a Party Invoke the Courts' Jurisdiction to Review Administrative Action?, 2d Annual Advanced Admin. Law Seminar, State Bar Admin. & Public Law Section (Aug. 2007).

Give and Take: Case Law Developments Affecting State and Local Regulatory Authority Under the Federal Telecommunications Act, 7th Annual Telecom. Law Conf., University of Texas School of Law (March 2005).

Navigating the Jurisdictional Divide: Recent Developments and Current Issues in Federal Preemption of State Law Under the Telecommunications Act, 6th Annual Telecommunications Law Conference, The University of Texas School of Law (March 2004).

City of Asheville

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

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Name of board or commission: ~~Soil Erosion/Stormwater Reveiw Committee~~ SACEE

Your name: Lynn Hurley Home Phone #: 805-722-0922

Street address: 93 Old Haw Creek Rd City: Asheville Zip Code: 28805

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: Self

Your position: Owner Office Phone #: 828-545-5668

Resident of City Asheville County Buncomb Race W * Sex M___ F_✔_ * Age 61 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner

Residence location (check one): Central ____ North _____ South _____ East ✔ West _____

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I am currently an independent construction project manager with my own company in Asheville.
I have a background in construction, environmental consulting and stormwater regulations. My bachelor's degree is a BS in Geology.
Below are my stormwater credentials/experience. I am happy to provide a full resume if you would prefer.

TETRA TECH, INC, Santa Barbara, California
Project Manager for mulit-million dollar restoration projects at DOD facility. Developed multiple Storm Water Management Plans. Responsible for managing numerous remedial closure projects with contaminated soil and water, sensitive habitats and endangered species.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, City of Grand Prairie, Texas
Storm Water Coordinator for all municipal storm water issues. Spearheaded multi-departmental storm water task force. Initiated citywide approach to Phase II storm water regulations. Interfaced with multiple municipalities to develop a regional approach to regulations

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Fax #: 259-5499

Signature: Lynn S Hurley

Date: ~~11-29-20~~ 12-14-20

E-Mail: lynn@hurleyconstructionsolution

Fax #: _____

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Name of board or commission: Sustainability Advisory Committee on Energy and the Environment

Your name: Carlisle Rankin Harper Home Phone #: 8595833841

Street address: 16 Tryon St City: Asheville Zip Code: 28806

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: Invest Collegiate Imagine Public Charter School

Your position: Third Grade Teacher Office Phone #: 8595833841

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race White * Sex M___ F ✔ * Age 35 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner

Residence location (check one): Central ____ North ____ South ____ East ____ West ✔

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that may arise during your service on this board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If so, please explain: NO.

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Signature: _____

Date: 12-16-20

E-Mail: carlisle.rankin@gmail.com

Fax #: 8595833841

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Carlisle Rankin Harper:

I have always felt a pull to educate my surrounding community on ways to reduce our environmental impact as well as more efficiently use resources. I believe sustainability is mutually beneficial to nature and our economy. I am thrilled to learn of the open seats on such an important committee. Not only would I be able to contribute to this committee in several ways but also learn more deeply what our great town is doing to become more sustainable. I am currently in my 10th year as an educator (6 as a classroom teacher and 4 as an outdoor educator). I hold a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a Master's in Environmental Education. These experiences have given me great insight on a large pool of our families and schools and how their daily habits either positively or negatively impact our community. I believe my educational experience and perspectives could offer ways to better teach the general public, particularly through our public schools. Schools are a powerful jumping-off point for long-term positive change in multiple arenas. To create a truly sustainable community, we need everyone involved! Starting to make these connections at a young age is hugely impactful. I would also love the opportunity to educate the public (especially young children) about great committees such as this one. They need to see how government and public efforts create change. Additionally, as a resident of West Asheville, I am passionate about improving our city's means of maintaining green development and growing with the environment and efficiency in mind. Also, my husband has past experience in city planning. His influences have helped me appreciate how we design and maintain growth sustainably. Living and learning each day around Asheville has helped me see the great ways we function as a city, as well as significant points for improvement. This is very important work and I would be honored to serve our great city to support a brighter, healthier future. I appreciate your time considering me for a seat on the SACEE.

CARLISLE RANKIN HARPER

16 Tryon Street, Asheville, NC 28806 ~ (859) 583-3841 ~ carlisle.rankin@gmail.com

Objective: To obtain as seat on the Sustainability Advisory Committee on Energy and the Environment.

Education:
Graduate: Montreat College, MA of Science in Environmental Education, December 2018
Undergraduate: Centre College, BA of Arts in Elementary Education, May 2008
High School: Asheville School, Class of 2004

Certifications:
Teaching: North Carolina state teaching certificate, pending summer 2021; Tennessee state teaching certificate, K-6, 2010-2021; Kentucky state teaching certificate, K-5, 2008-2013.
Other Current: NC Environmental Educator Certification, 2015.

Professional Experience:

Third Grade Teacher: Invest Collegiate Imagine Public Charter School, August 2018-Present
- Teach 3rd grade in a general classroom setting.

Field Instructor & Camp Director: Muddy Sneakers, January 2014-2018
- Taught 5th grade state science curriculum in an outdoor setting.
- Manager of Camp Muddy Sneakers Summer Camp with 2017 attendance of 96 1st–7th grade campers.

Substitute Teacher: Asheville City Schools and Buncombe County Schools, September 2013-2015
- Taught PreK-5th grade general classroom.

Development Associate: Asheville School, 2011-2013
- Managed Asheville School fundraising efforts and alumni network activities.
- Supported student activities including residential life, student monitoring and safety, and coaching in the Mountaineering Program.

General Classroom Teacher: Cockrill Elementary, Nashville, TN, 2008-2011.
- Taught 3rd grade general classroom.

MARY CARLISLE RANKIN

REFERENCES

Mr. Jamie Williams
Director of Lower School
Invest Collegiate Imagine Public Charter School
110 Champion Way
Asheville, NC 28806
(828) 633-6491
jamiewilliams@icimagine.org

- Jamie is my direct supervisor at my current place of employment. I have taught third grade for 2.5 years under Jamie's leadership.

Mrs. Lindsay Green
WNC Program Director
196 Turnpike Road
Brevard, NC 28713
(828) 577-7058

- Lindsay is an employee of Muddy Sneakers. She has observed my teaching during my tenure as a field instructor.

Mrs. Rachel Boing
Third Grade Teacher
Invest Collegiate Imagine Public Charter School
110 Champion Way
Asheville, NC 28806
(828) 301-4316
rachelboing@icimagine.org

- I have been Rachel's co-worker for 2.5 years now. She is a phenomenal teacher and someone I look up to both professionally and personally. She is well-acquainted with my work as an educator.

City of Asheville

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

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Name of board or commission: Sustainability Advisory Committee on Energy and the Environment

Your name: Ben Prater Home Phone #: 864.494.4168

Street address: 8200 Terra Dr. City: Arden Zip Code: 28704

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: Defenders of Wildlife

Your position: Southeast Program Director Office Phone #: _____

Resident of City No County Yes Race White* Sex M ✔ F ___* Age 41*

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner

Residence location (check one): Central ____ North _____ South ✔ East _____ West _____

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My interest in serving as a member of this advisory board stems from my career in conservation and a long standing interest in seeing Asheville become a more sustainable and environmentally conscious city. I have called Asheville home since 2004 and over the years I have been proud to be part of a community committed to people and place. In fact, this place we call home is a beacon to millions who travel here each year to enjoy the remarkable natura beauty and healthy environment that supports a thriving tourism industry and a superior quality of life. It is my goal, in being a part of this advisory board, to help preserve the natural capitol of Asheville to continue to be a wonderful place to live while promoting sustainable solutions to persistent threats to a clean and healthy environment. I am particular interested and well suited to support efforts to improve water quality, preserve green space, promote nature-based tourism, and support coexistence with wildlife in and around our communities. I am excited for the opportunity to serve and I have included my current resume below for reference.

BEN PRATER

8200 Terra Dr.
Arden, NC 28704

See attached

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Signature: eSigned via SignatureDocs.com Key: df76721a9fe98f4d32aa1f402f0fc3d78

Date: 12/17/20

E-Mail: bgprater@gmail.com

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BEN PRATER

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Arden, NC 28704
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PROFILE: Conservation professional with over sixteen years of environmental non-profit senior management experience. Passionate organizational leader who excels at managing diverse teams to develop and implement conservation initiatives and achieve success in the active protection, restoration, and management of public lands and biodiversity. Works at local, regional, and national levels to engage the public and other organizations to advance conservation priorities and hold government officials and decision-makers accountable. Proficient at collaboration and building partnerships with numerous state and federal wildlife and land management agencies. Skilled advocate with demonstrated results in strategic communications, public outreach, and community engagement. Creative problem solver and critical thinker who thrives in challenging situations while focusing on solutions and positive outcomes. Experienced naturalist and outdoor enthusiast who seeks and finds joy in discovering wild places.

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY:

Southeast Program Director, Defenders of Wildlife
Asheville, NC *2015-present*

- Responsible for supervising and providing strategic direction to Southeast Field Conservation staff members and coordinating/collaborating with other program staff co-located in the region.
- Ensures the effective implementation of Defenders' conservation programs and efficiently and effectively managing the office.
- Areas of focus include conserving priority imperiled wildlife, including red wolves, Florida panthers, manatees, freshwater mussels, freshwater fish, amphibians, whales, and migratory shorebirds; addressing the biggest threats to imperiled species (e.g. unsustainable forestry practices, agricultural practices, mining, coastal development, and climate change)
- Works with state and federal agencies to maintain and enhance the ecological integrity of priority wildlife habitat; implement human-wildlife coexistence programs and projects; promote environmentally responsible energy development; and, maintain and enhance the conservation of biodiversity in general.

Director of Conservation, Wild South
Asheville, NC *2007-2015*

- Responsible for management and oversight of all conservation programs of Wild South across its entire region and sphere of influence including: public lands protection, wildlife conservation, wilderness preservation, and community engagement.
- Coordinate the public lands stewardship and wildlife conservation programs across eight states in an effort to protect and restore native ecosystems. Collaborate and coordinate with numerous agencies, organizations, and local communities to achieve results.

- Supervise seven conservation staff positions; responsible for conservation staff recruitment and development and designating programmatic priorities.
- Implement and oversee all conservation related communications, outreach, and advocacy efforts. Maintain website and manage social media.
- Develop strategic partnerships across the region to advance the protection, restoration, and stewardship of public lands in the South.
- Assist Executive Director in managing personnel and company financials. Support Executive Director and Development Director in managing grants, major gifts, and network of supporters.
- Supervise Conservation Fellows program to recruit, train, and engage students as interns producing meaningful projects that benefit the organization's mission and provide career development opportunities.
- Recruit and engage community volunteers in special events and stewardship work to restore habitats.
- Routinely demonstrate leadership abilities, communication skills, knowledge of local ecology, and a passion for environmental issues facing the Southeast.

Staff Ecologist, Southern Appalachian Biodiversity Project
Asheville, NC *2004-2007*

- Managed the "Forest Watch Program" which involved commenting on proposed Forest Service management activities across the Southeastern US to ensure environmental protection and compliance with environmental laws.
- Cultivated relationships with the scientific and activist communities.
- Educated the public through field excursions and workshops.
- Recruited and trained interns and volunteers.

Camping/Climbing Sales Associate and Outdoor School Instructor, REI
Asheville, NC *2008-present*

- Responsible for providing excellent customer service and expert advice on outfitting people for outdoor adventures.
- Serve as lead outdoor school instructor teaching several of our basic skills courses.
- Nominated for Anderson Award in 2012 for living REI's values of authenticity, quality, service, respect, integrity, and balance.

WILD Week Instructor, Western North Carolina (WNC) Nature Center
Asheville, NC *2005-2010*

- Designed and implemented an experiential and engaging environmental education curriculum for a day camp hosted by the WNC Nature Center.
- Educated campers on the fundamentals of ecology and developed their awareness and attitudes towards an appreciation for living things and our environment.

Nature Program Director, Camp Woodmen
Randleman, NC *1999-2001*

- Created and instructed environmental education activities displaying organizational skills and creativity.
- Managed Nature Center as an educational facility and interpretive center.

- Exhibited leadership skills and demonstrated the ability to train staff and delegate authority.

Natural Resource Manager, Catawba College Center for the Environment
Salisbury, NC *1998-2001*

- Assisted in the management of 189-acre ecological preserve and 300-acre wildlife refuge.
- Organized and led other students in the construction and maintenance of wildlife habitat and preserve infrastructure.
- Involved in wetland restoration, trail construction, and community outreach activities.

EDUCATION:

Master of Environmental Management, May 2004
Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences, Duke University, Durham, NC

Certified in Geospatial Analysis, May 2004
Master's project: Tool-based approach for monitoring natural resource management on National Forests of North Carolina.

Concentration: Qualitative coursework in land use principles and policies, ecosystem management, landscape ecology, habitat modeling, conservation ecology, field ecology. Quantitative coursework in regression, multivariate analysis, ArcGIS, spatial analysis.

Honors: Recognized by peers as 2004 "Outstanding Second Year Student".

Bachelor of Science, Cum laude May 2002
Catawba College, Salisbury, NC

Major: Environmental science, with emphasis on environmental education.

Honors: Attended National Honors Semester 1999, received 2002 Environmental Science Award.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:

Nicholas School of the Environment Alumni Council
Durham, NC *2015-present*

Serve on the Council to maintain active partnerships in the Nicholas School and advance the interests of the school while creating opportunities for the Alumni community to participate in the global vitality of Duke University.

Catawba College Center of the Environment Board of Directors
Salisbury, NC *2012-present*

Serve on the Board of Directors and regularly advise the Center on efforts to fulfill its mission: to provide education and outreach centered on prevalent environmental challenges and to foster

community-oriented sustainable solutions that can serve as a model for programs throughout the country.

Catawba College Alumni Board of Directors
Salisbury, NC *2013-2016*

Served on the Alumni Board of Directors to support relationships between Catawba College, its Alumni, and our growing community of support. Responsible for assisting with fundraising efforts and alumni events.

Mississippi Wildlife Rehabilitation, Inc. Board of Directors
Lake Cormorant, MS *2013-2014*

Served on the Board of Directors of small non-profit wildlife rehabilitation center and educational facility. Supported the development of bylaws and implementation of outreach and education efforts.

Land Trust for Central North Carolina,
Salisbury, NC *2007-2008*

Served on the Stewardship Committee to support the conservation and management activities carried out on the properties the land trust holds. Assisted in developing management plans for several priority projects to manage and protect outstanding resources.

National Forest Protection Alliance
USA *2004-2007*

Served as North Carolina State Delegate for two years and Delegate Chair in 2007. Responsible for organizing participation in National Forest protection campaigns across state of North Carolina. In capacity as Chair concentrated on building networks, disseminating information, and serving as the voice for affiliates on national conference calls and events.

Duke University Greening Initiative
Durham NC *2002-2004*

Founding member of student environmental organization formed to institutionalize sustainability across the University. Instrumental in leading the effort to "green" the physical plant of the University. Achieved outstanding success and persuaded University to commit to building green for all new construction by educating stakeholders on the benefits of green design and construction.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS & INFORMATION:

- Routinely invited to give presentations and talks across the Southeast to educate and inform the public on a variety of conservation topics and issues.
- Regularly publish articles and opinion editorials in numerous media outlets.
- Proficient at using GIS as a conservation analysis and ecosystem management tool.

- Committed to professional development through participation in semi-annual leadership, fundraising, and non-profit management workshops, trainings, seminars, and retreats.
- Received Wilderness Legacy Award, awarded by the US Forest Service Region 8 for achievements in wilderness stewardship, 2014.
- Graduated from Pathways for Non-profit Leadership program, 2014.
- Graduated from League of Conservation Voters 2006 Environmental Leadership Institute.
- Certified by the NC Division of Forest Resources in SR-130 and SR-190 for Wildland Fires, 2004.
- Received Eagle Scout Award, 1996.
- Proficient in the following computer software packages: ArcGIS 10.x, Google Earth, Garmin Basecamp, Pathfinder Office, Microsoft Office, and Adobe Acrobat.

REFERENCES:

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Program Coordinator, Defenders of Wildlife
828.712.0945
tracydavids888@gmail.com

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828.258.2023
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Mark Shelley
Director Eastern Field Program, National Forest Foundation
828.772.5508
mshelley@nationalforests.org

Dr. John Wear
Executive Director, Center for the Environment at Catawba College
704.202.4963
jwear@catawba.edu

Dr. Norm Christensen
Professor Emeritus in the Division of Environmental Sciences & Policy, Duke University
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Name of board or commission: Sustainable Advisory Committee on Energy and Environment

Your name: Kathryn Ancaya Home Phone #: 8283019047

Street address: 17 Chiles Avenue City: Asheville Zip Code: 28803

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: Living Roofs, Inc

Your position: Landscape Architect Office Phone #: _____

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race White * Sex M___ F ✔ * Age 42 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner

Residence location (check one): Central ____ North ____ South ✔ East ✔ West ____

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that may arise during your service on this board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If so, please explain: N/A
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I am a landscape architect and co-founder of two companies grounded in environmental issues. Living Roofs, Inc was founded in 2006 and is the first company in the Southeast specializing in green roof services. Roots First Design, founded in 2017 is a collaboration of designers, urban planners, artists, and educators focused on repairing the connection between people and nature through design and communication.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL INFO : Bachelor Degree in Anthropology, Wake Forest University, 2000
Masters Degree in Landscape Architecture (MLA), College of Design at NCSU, 2006
NC Registered Landscape Architect : License #1968
I have worked as a design professional since 2006 and have been fortunate to work with a diverse group of professionals and design firms.

The work of both firms takes various forms and is not exclusive of small projects or big ideas. Our work's primary aim is to contribute to the overall network of ecologically significant city green spaces. We work in a range of contexts, from urban to agrarian, and from educational to hydrological; and we integrate a range of scales, from humble gardens to regional plans. As we face multiple challenges such as increased surface temps, loss of biodiversity, at a

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Fax #: 259-5499

See Attached

Kathryn Ancaya
Key: 4f7f721a5f69f1c02aa1f4029b0b5678

Signature: _____

Date: 12/18/2020

E-Mail: kate@livingroofsinc.com

Fax #: _____

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Roots First

people + ecology + place

KATHRYN BLATT ANCAYA, PLA, ASLA, LEED AP

Co-Founder, Landscape Architect, Living Roofs, Inc

Owner + Director of Design Roots First Design, PLLC

kate@livingroofsinc.com

EDUCATION

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
Master of Landscape Architecture, 2006

Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC
Bachelor of Arts: Anthropology, 2000

AWARDS

2019 Award of Excellence, Green Roofs for Healthy Cities , Garage Apartments Green Roof, Living Roofs, Inc.

2019 SE Regional ASLA Honor Award for Communication: Forest Forsyth, Roots First Design

2019 SE Regional ASLA Recognition Award for Analysis and Planning: Our Boston Thurmond, Roots First Design

Piedmont Environmental Alliance Green Business of the Year, 2018, Roots First Design

Award of Honor, NC Chapter of ASLA, 2006

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Riverfront Planning & Design Review Committee, 2019-present

Board of Directors, Asheville Design Center, 2010-2016

Chair of Board of Directors, Asheville Design Center, 2011

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS

Landscape Architect, North Carolina; NC1968

Kate's passion for design is grounded in her interdisciplinary educational background and professional excellence in both archaeology and landscape architecture. Her curiosity and sensitivity to how humans interact and connect with their environments pushes her to explore ideas that encourage memorable and restorative landscapes. Kate's design approach is nested closely with her belief that sensitive, ecologically responsive and restorative design can have a positive incremental impact on the social and environmental health of our surroundings.

SELECTED DESIGN PROJECTS

Laurel Park Watershed Improvement Study, Laurel Park, NC, October 2019 - February 2020

Boston-Thurmond Neighborhood Plan, Winston-Salem, NC, September 2015 - 2018

Passageway Park, Winston-Salem, NC, July 2015 - 2018

Garage Apartments Green Roof, Asheville, NC, 2016

Smith Branch Daylighting Project, Site Research and Project Visioning, Columbia, SC, 2016

Highlands Biological Station Pollinator Garden Design, Highlands, NC, 2014-2015

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Partner, Roots First Design, Winston-Salem, NC, 2014 - present

Co-Founder, Living Roofs, Inc, Asheville, NC, 2006 - present

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Name of board or commission: Sustainability Advisory Committee on Energy and the Environment

Your name: Tim Ormond Home Phone #: 828-989-8075

Street address: 106 Olney Rd City: Asheville Zip Code: 28806

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: Blue Earth Planning, Engineering & Design, PC

Your position: President/Principal Engineer Office Phone #: 828-989-8075

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race Anglo * Sex M ✔ F ___ * Age 51 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner

Residence location (check one): Central ____ North ____ South ____ East ____ West ✔

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Please see attached cover letter and professional summary.

See attached

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Post Office Box 7148
Asheville, N.C. 28802-7148

E-Mail: sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov
Telephone: 259-5839
Fax #: 259-5499

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Timothy Ormond
Key: df76721a9fe98f4d2aa1f402ff0cb578

Signature: _____

Date: 12/22/20

E-Mail: tormond@blueearth.us

Fax #: 828-989-8075

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December 22, 2020

Ms. Sarah Terwilliger
Deputy City Clerk
City of Asheville
P.O. Box 7148
Asheville, North Carolina 28802

Subject: Application for Sustainability Advisory Committee on Energy and the Environment

Dear Ms. Terwilliger:

I would like to apply to serve on the Sustainability Advisory Committee on Energy and the Environment (SACEE) for the City of Asheville. I believe my background as a licensed professional civil engineer with a specialization in water resources and environmental planning and engineering could provide great value to our City as we progress in our goals of becoming a more sustainable community.

In 2007, I moved to Asheville from California and have been grateful to call West Asheville my home ever since. I have started two successful professional engineering firms headquartered in Asheville and my current firm is called Blue Earth Planning, Engineering & Design, PC (Blue Earth) based in the Collider, where I serve as president of the company and a senior engineer. A large part of my work has included providing professional engineering services to non-profit organizations, often at reduced rates, for water quality and ecological restoration projects.

My expertise includes watershed hydrology and stormwater green infrastructure which are becoming more critical as we face the impacts of climate change and extreme weather. I have a strong interest in the vital interconnections between water, resilient local food systems and community health. I consider myself to be a whole systems thinker and have extensive experience working collaboratively with interdisciplinary teams. The practical skills I would bring to SACEE include conducting scientific research, policy development, technical writing and presentations.

Over the years, I have attended several SACEE meetings and, in 2015, I was an invited speaker where I gave a presentation to SACEE entitled "Stormwater-Human Ecosystems: A New Paradigm for Stormwater Management" (January 21, 2015).

I have included a brief professional summary on the attached page and can provide a detailed resume per your request. If you have any questions regarding my application or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 828.989.8075 or tormond@blueearth.us. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Timothy Ormond, P.E.
President
Blue Earth Planning, Engineering & Design, PC

Professional Summary

Tim Ormond, P.E. has over twenty-seven years of water resources planning and engineering experience. He is recognized for his expertise in watershed hydrology, stormwater management, green infrastructure and innovative research. While working for a global consulting firm for fourteen years, Tim led water resources and environmental projects throughout the United States, including innovative stormwater pilot projects in the mountainous Lake Tahoe watershed, which has some of the most stringent water quality protection standards in the nation.

Tim's extensive experience in innovative stormwater management in Western North Carolina includes the steep slope bioretention pilot project, funded by the Clean Water Management Trust Fund Innovative Stormwater Grant program, the stormwater mycelium filter pilot project, as well the Bailey Mundy Stormwater Demonstration Park at the Mars Hill Town Hall, which received the Land of Sky Friends of the River Award in 2014.

Tim holds a B.S. degree in civil and environmental engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (1991) and an M.S. degree in civil and water resources engineering from Texas A&M University (1993). He has completed extensive coursework in sustainable approaches to stormwater management, rainwater harvesting and ecological design. Tim is an avid student of ecological design systems and has studied permaculture design for many years. He earned his permaculture design certificate (PDC) in 2013.

A registered professional engineer since 1997, Tim has published and presented numerous technical papers at regional and national professional conferences. He is a member of the American Ecological Engineering Society, the Rainwater Harvesting Technical Committee for the American Society of Civil Engineers as well as the Chi Epsilon and Tau Beta Pi engineering honor societies.

In 2009, Tim founded HydroCycle Engineering as a consulting firm based in Asheville which specializes in sustainable and regenerative design to protect and enhance the natural environment. He has volunteered with the Asheville Buncombe Food Policy Council since 2013, focusing on the vital interconnections between water, resilient local food systems and community health. And in 2018, he joined with colleagues to start Blue Earth Planning, Engineering & Design, PC in order to have a greater positive impact on the world around us. Blue Earth's mission is to "provide innovative water resources planning, engineering and design within a company framework that values the earth, people, and future generations over profit." Blue Earth has applied for B Corp certification and anticipates becoming certified in early 2021.

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Name of board or commission: Sustainability Advisory Committee on Energy and the Environment

Your name: Kelsey Wood Home Phone #: 8287128862

Street address: 34 Dorchester Ave. City: Asheville Zip Code: 28806

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College

Your position: Adjunct Instructor Office Phone #: _____

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race _____* Sex M___ F_✔_* Age 40 *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner

Residence location (check one): Central ____ North ____ South ____ East ____ West ✔

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I will graduate from Lenoir-Rhyne's Sustainability Studies Master's Degree program in May 2021, where I have excelled at all of my coursework and especially enjoyed those classes and projects that related to [illegible] ality. Attached to this application are a [illegible] gram, Dr. Keith McDade, and my resu[illegible] projects. The capstone project that I [illegible] eville City Schools to EV school b[illegible] tprint of school bus transportation of o[illegible] cessive bussing of students exposes th[illegible] ion footprint than transportation to [illegible] right direction, but, admittedly, do not [illegible] of SACEE, I wil deploy exactly this kind [illegible] r the City of Asheville that achieve s[illegible] ess for all residents. As an instruc[illegible] rship and public speaking experience. As[illegible] s a classroom volunteer, Parent Team [illegible] ator/Supervisor. I have dedicated myself [illegible] the Asheville chapter of Mothers Out Front, [illegible] communities workshop in my neighborhood, and have been

See Attached

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E-Mail: sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov
Telephone: 259-5839
Fax #: 259-5499

Signature: [signature]

Date: December 28, 2020

E-Mail: kelseywood@gmail.com

Fax #: 8287128862

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Kelsey Wood

I will graduate from Lenoir-Rhyne's Sustainability Studies Master's Degree program in May 2021, where I have excelled at all of my coursework and especially enjoyed those classes and projects that related to the intersection of urban design and environmental quality. Attached to this application are a letter of recommendation from my advisor in the program, Dr. Keith McDade, and my resume which highlights several urban sustainability-related projects. The capstone project that I am currently working on is a proposal to transition Asheville City Schools to EV school buses; it began with the question 'What is the carbon footprint of school bus transportation of our elementary magnet program?' My position is that excessive bussing of students exposes them to diesel exhaust pollutants and incurs a higher carbon footprint than transportation to neighborhood schools. EV school buses are a step in the right direction, but, admittedly, do not solve the real issue of housing inequality. As a member of SACEE, I will deploy exactly this kind of holistic thinking to assess and recommend policies for the City of Asheville that achieve sustainability goals while also considering equity and access for all residents. As an instructor at A-B Tech Community College, I have ample leadership and public speaking experience. As a parent, I have served my public school community as a classroom volunteer, Parent Team event organizer, and After School Enrichment Coordinator/Supervisor. I have dedicated myself to climate activism as a co-founder of the Asheville chapter of Mothers Out Front, taught a Cool Communities workshop in my neighborhood, and have been involved for the last year with the Western North Carolina Renewables Coalition. I am deeply passionate about all issues sustainability-related, but especially multi-modal transportation, climate change adaptation, and local food production. I think you will see from Dr. McDade's letter of recommendation that I am a deep and analytical thinker, with a keen eye for detail and a strong desire to serve my city. Thank you for your time and consideration of my application materials.

Kelsey E. Wood

Asheville, NC • (828) 712-8862 • kelseywood@gmail.com

Experience

Lenoir-Rhyne University, Graduate Studies Center of Asheville January 2017 - May 2021
Master of Science Candidate, Sustainability Studies
Cumulative GPA: 4.0/4.0

- Select coursework: Business Management for Sustainability; Public Policy Processes; Environmental Policy; GIS; Ecological Economics; Behavior and Communications
- Major projects have included an A-B Tech Master Plan proposal featuring transit connectivity, infill development, and LID stormwater management plan; an ArcGIS StoryMap about Asheville's proposed greenways, featuring original analysis of property value increases; and an EV school bus transition plan to further ACS's equity goals
- Awarded and attended 2019 Byron Fellowship Conference at Warren Wilson College

Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College August 2016 - Present
Adjunct Faculty, Department of Sustainability Technologies

- Deliver lectures, facilitate discussions and prepare slide presentations on sustainable land management and community design for resilient food, energy and water systems
- Curate and share curriculum materials and assess student performance using Moodle classroom management platform; currently teaching online via Zoom

Vance Elementary School, Asheville, NC March 2017 - September 2019
Coordinator/Supervisor, After School Enrichment Program

- Recruited and trained new instructors; created class schedules; cultivated relationships with teachers, parents, and administrators; oversaw day-to-day program logistics
- Managed website, online registration and student database using G Suite applications

Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project, Asheville, NC February 2016 - August 2016
Communications Intern

- Published weekly market reports using Wordpress; created promotional materials for ASAP events and liaised with WNC media outlets to promote them
- Archived digital and print media coverage of ASAP events, markets, and farmers
- Managed donor and volunteer information and created mailing lists in Salesforce

Homesteader's Emporium, Vancouver, BC May 2012 - December 2015
Lead Content Creator/Community Engagement Specialist

- Researched and wrote original content for online tutorials, blog posts and social media; produced DIY videos; scheduled release and tracked performance of online content
- Developed Sustainable Urban Gardening workshop series; coordinated with outside organizations on program implementation

Education

Emory College of Arts & Sciences, Atlanta, GA Graduated 2005
Bachelor of Arts (Philosophy Major, Sociology Minor)

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA 1998-2001
Bachelor of Arts Candidate (Architecture Major)

LENOIR-RHYNE UNIVERSITY

Center for Graduate Studies of Asheville

December 18, 2020

Asheville City Council Members and SACEE leadership,

I am writing this letter in support of Kelsey Wood in her application to become a member of SACEE. Kelsey, in her time as a Sustainability Studies graduate student, has impressed me in so many ways, and I know she would bring wisdom, extensive knowledge, passion, talent, deep insights, skills, and creativity to address the critical issues that Asheville faces, and that SACEE considers. She is very competent, intelligent, and deeply caring. She is also a great community member taking on leadership roles and stepping up when needed. It is for these and many other reasons that I believe Kelsey could make a great addition to SACEE.

I have known Kelsey as a graduate student and a Reese Institute Fellow for the past several years. Not only has Kelsey performed extremely well in her graduate school endeavors and in community-- but Kelsey seems to be exceptional in nearly everything she does. Kelsey teaches Permaculture at AB Tech and has developed and built a great course. She engages ideas respectfully, and is skilled at working with groups to accomplish a variety of outcomes. She is practiced and skilled in facilitation and managing conflict. Kelsey is also committed to social justice, and understands the work involved in bridging divides, moving toward equity, and enhancing inclusion. She has an understanding of sustainability as something that needs to connect with nearly everybody, and she has the ability and insights to work effectively across boundaries.

In summary, Kelsey is extremely knowledgeable, smart, responsible, inclusive, and effective. She works as a great team member, an excellent communicator, and is one of the best critical thinkers with whom I have interacted. If you have any questions about qualifications that Kelsey possesses, please do not hesitate to ask. I can be reached at keith.mcdade@lr.edu or 828-407-4276 (Cell 734-223-3297). I think you would be very pleased that Kelsey is a member of SACEE if provided an opportunity.

Sincerely,

Keith McDade, PhD.
SACEE Member
Associate Professor of Sustainability Studies
Lenoir-Rhyne University – Asheville
36 Montford Ave, Asheville, NC 28801