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Profile

Professional urban planner with more than 25 years of experience in developing affordable housing, economic revitalization initiatives, infrastructure development, and land use planning. Proficient in demographic data analysis, GIS mapping, and comprehensive planning.

Work History

10/19-Present Water Environment Protection Department, Onondaga County, NY **Geographic Information Specialist**

- Assist in the development and maintenance of a GIS-based asset-management program for the county's wastewater conveyance system
- Responsible for maintaining digitized infrastructure networks county-wide

9/06-Present

Syracuse University - Maxwell School of Public Affairs **Adjunct Professor**

Annually instruct a 400-level course on federal housing policy & local neighborhood revitalization with a GIS lab component

1/18-10/19 6/04-12/08

Home HeadOuarters, Inc., Syracuse, NY Chief Planning and Development Officer

- Managed real estate division overseeing the disposition of over 200 properties, the majority of which were developed and sold to first-time homebuyers
- Worked with resident groups and city officials on the development and implementation of neighborhood plans through the acquisition, rehabilitation and resale of housing to owner-occupants
- Developed/implemented an urban neighborhood redesign program that incorporated hundreds of vacant lots into value-enhanced property

12/08-12/17

Neighborhood and Business Development Department, Syracuse, NY Commissioner

- Administered federal block grants for housing, homeless and economic development annually
- Oversaw division of code enforcement and introduced a triage system and municipal violations bureau
- Helped initiate the city land bank and conveyed to it over 1,200 blighted properties for redevelopment
- Assembled the public/private financing for the development of over 1,000 affordable housing units

6/00-6/04

Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency, Onondaga County, NY **County Planner**

- Staffed the County Planning Board and assisted its towns, villages and the city of Syracuse in the administration of zoning and land use regulations
- Pioneered concepts in new urbanist development and worked with towns and villages to incorporate these into their respective zoning codes

3/96-6/00

Community Development Department, Syracuse, NY Senior Urban Planner

- Assisted in the annual administration of federal block grants for affordable housing development and
- Prepared and submitted the Consolidated Plan and the Grantee Performance Report to HUD annually

6/94-1/96

Policy and Planning Division, Housing Department, Los Angeles, CA **Research Analyst**

- Provided demographic data and research for use in evaluating housing program goals
- Created and maintained a quarterly housing market report for the City of Los Angeles
- Provided GIS services to disaster management team in response to the Northridge Earthquake (1994)

Education

1/94-12/95 9/86-5/90

University of Southern California, Masters in Urban Planning (MPI) State University of New York at Albany, Bachelors in Political Science (BA)