CLARKE COUNTY

Conservation Easement Authority THURSDAY – 19 APRIL 2018 - 10:00 am A/B Conference Room, 2nd Floor Government Center AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Agenda
- 2. Approval of Minutes of the meetings of 15 March 2018
- 3. Bank Account balances
- 4. Campaign for the Authority The report will be handed out at the meeting
- 5. Easement Donation/Purchase
 - a. RSP Enterprises
 - b. Biff Genda Rosemont
- 6. Discussion
 - a. Summer Intern easement inspection
 - b. Cost of Community Services Study
- 7. Adjournment next meeting Thursday May 17th 10 am

CLARKE COUNTY Conservation Easement Authority draft Minutes – 15 March 2018 draft

A regular meeting of the Conservation Easement Authority was held at 10:00 am on Thursday, 15 March 2018, in the A/B conference room, 2nd Floor Government Center.

Present:

P. Engel, R. Buckley, G. Ohrstrom, and M. Jones

Absent:

R. Bacon, B. Byrd, W. Thomas

Staff:

A. Teetor, R. Couch Cardillo

Agenda On motion of Mr. Ohrstrom, seconded by Mr. Engel, the Authority unanimously approved the agenda with the addition of a discussion item e. to discuss Cabell Williams, and item f. time of meetings.

Minutes On motion of Mr. Ohrstrom, seconded by Ms. Jones, the Authority unanimously voted to approve the minutes of January 17, 2018.

Bank Account: Ms. Teetor reviewed the financial spreadsheets. Current fund balances show a total fund balance of \$256,999 consisting of \$70,120 in the donations account, \$116,034 in stewardship, and \$70,845 in local funds.

Public Relations: Ms. Cardillo provided an update on the donations to date; stating that donations are off to a good start with nearly \$4,000 donated already this year. She asked if members had received any feedback on the Awards luncheon. Kathy Kuehner from the star remarked that the venue was nicer and more in keeping with the open space theme than the Camino. Mr. Buckley added that the Club had not charged the Authority for use of their facility for the luncheon, which was greatly appreciated. Ms. Cardillo thought that the Kohns were very appreciative of the award. She asked the group about the potential for conducting a workshop on the tax benefits of conservation easements. Ms. Teetor stated that she had contacted the Blue Ridge Mountain Civic Association but that they had other items on their agenda for April. Mr. Ohrstrom stated that the Piedmont Environmental Council was planning on doing something similar and he suggested that the groups could work join forces to put something together. Ms. Teetor stated that she had met with the Clarke Board of PEC to request funds for the Dillon's appraisal and during the meeting one of the members asked if the County had priority areas for easements and that if there was a targeted piece or area that PEC could target their fall fundraiser. This led to a discussion of whether or not to solicit for easements by direct mail as has been done in the past. Ms. Teetor stated that several years ago Don Owens then Chair of the Virginia Land Trust gave a presentation describing how GIS layers can be used to identify areas with the most conservation value. Members felt like this might be a good approach for identifying parcels to solicit. Other ideas are those parcels that meet ALE criteria and are located in the USGS groundwater recharge area. Staff will provide information on properties within those areas at the next meeting. Regarding the Spring newsletter, Ms. Cardillo asked for ideas on people to profile. Ms. Teetor suggested Eric Arkfeld as he has placed land in easement using grant funds and is in process of putting an additional parcel in easement using grant funds. Members agreed that he would be a good choice. Ms. Teetor will ask him if he is willing to be interviewed. Finally, Ms. Cardillo talked about the photo contest, Mr. Ohrstrom will ask Mr. Garrett if he would be willing to judge again. Members also suggested that

Ms. Cardillo talk to Pam Letti who has written a book of photos of Clarke County.

Easement Donation/Purchase There are no new applications but Ms. Teetor updated members on the current active applications. She stated that the Elrod's on Rock Hall Lane are moving through the process, they are currently waiting for subordination approval from the lenders. The Dillon's on Kimble Road had been approved for an easement purchase but after reviewing the deed they have decided not to record. The Shockey's on Annfield Road have contacted John Friant to review the draft deeds. The County was successful in getting a grant from the ALE fund for the Opequon Cattle Company, owned by Eric Arkfeld. The grant amount is \$200,000. Ms. Teetor will now wait to apply for a Virginia Land Conservation fund grant for an additional 25% of the estimated appraised value of \$425,000.

Discussion

- a. Fair Catalog ad Ms. Teetor asked if members wanted to sponsor a fair ad in the catalog as has been done for the past several years. On motion of Mr. Engel, seconded by Ms. Jones members approved a full page ad for \$90. Ms. Cardillo will work on a new design for the ad.
- b. Vault sponsorship Ms. Teetor asked if members would sponsor the annual Virginia Land Trust Conference as they have done in past years. On motion of Mr. Ohrstrom, seconded by Ms. Jones, members agreed to a \$250 sponsorship. Ms. Teetor stated that she would be attending the conference this year and has been asked to participate on a panel discussing funding leveraging.
- c. Bittner Boundary Line Adjustment Ms. Teetor handed out copies of a sketch for a boundary line adjustment on Sandra Bittners' property in Calmes Neck. A small area would be adjusted with the adjacent property to provide the neighbor with parking area and Ms. Bittner with additional river access. After discussion, on motion of Mr. Ohrstrom, seconded by Mr. Engel members agreed to permit the BLA on condition that Ms. Bittner pay attorney fees associated with the easement deed of amendment.
- d. Summer Intern Ms. Teetor reported that Sophia Dorsey had contacted her with an interest in completing the easement inspections this year. Ms. Dorsey completed the internship last year and did an excellent job. Ms. Teetor stated that similar in the past the Authority had agreed to pay one person the entire \$2,000 stipend to complete all of the inspections. On motion of Mr. Ohrstrom, seconded by Mr. Engel members approved hiring Ms. Dorsey to complete all inspections for 2018.
- e. Apple Hill, Cabell Williams Mr. Ohrstrom stated that Mr. Williams has purchased Apple Hill, previously part of the Carter Hall property, and is interested in purchasing another parcel owned by Project Hope, of approximately 70 acres, and place both in easement. Project Hope personnel have stated they would like the property placed in easement as a condition of the sale. Mr. Ohrstrom asked if the Authority would consider sending a letter to the realtor and Project Hope stating that we would be interested in holding the easement as it meets all criteria, but that applications can only be accepted from the property owner. Members agreed that it would be appropriate to send such a letter.
- f. Meeting time At the January meeting, members agreed to move the meeting time from 10 am to 2 pm for the 2018 meetings. However, after discussion it was determined that 10 am worked best for most members. Therefore, on motion of Mr. Ohrstrom, seconded by Ms. Jones the meeting time was moved from 2 pm to 10 am.

Adjournment There being no further business, Ms. the Authority adjourn the meeting. The next meeting am. The motion was approved unanimously.	
Randy Buckley, Chair	Alison Teetor, Clerk to the Authority

JAS - B Bennett Through 4/11/2018 Fund 235 - Conservation Easement Balances

	Total Fund Balance	Donations	Stewardship Account	Local Funds	
EOY 2017	226,970	58,503	96,584	71,883	
Fiscal Year 2018		000	CF	22000	Clarke County:
July Rev/AR	はいないただった	606	79	32,913	Transfer from Gen Fund-\$15,000
July Exps/AP		-1,090	0	-1,408	Land use rollback tax-\$ 2,000
July Exp Bill & Jane Johnston purchase				-30,471	Accts Rec VDACS (Johnston) - \$ 15,912.50 Rec'd 9/22/17
Aug Rev/AR		25	80	1,740	Clarke County:
Aug Exps/AP		-1,916	-2,097	-1,700	tax=1,740.48
Sept Rev/AR		2,825	82		
Sept Exps/AP		-2,410	0	0	
Oct Rev/AR		3,634	21,137		Brenda Bennett: Land use rollback
Oct Exps/AP		-1,992	0	0	tax=500.00
Nov Rev/AR		2,100	82	200	
Nov Exps/AP		-1,774	0	0	
Dec Rev/AR		4,035	88		
Dec Exps/AP		-1,247	0	-500	
Jan Rev/AR		10,557	85		
Jan Exps/AP		-1,483	0	-2,113	
Feb Rev/AR		550	76		
Feb Exps/AP		-117	0	0	
Mar Rev/AR	THE RESERVE THE PARTY OF THE PA	5,193			
Mar Exps/AP		-2,812	0	-170	o d
Apr Rev/AR					
Apr Exps/AP		-1,337	0	-320	
YTD Rev/AR	989'98	29,828	21,705	35,153	
YTD Exps/AP	54,954	16,176	2,097	36,681	
Adjustments	0				VDACS
YTD FUND BALANCE (AR & AP)	258,701	72,154	116,192	70,355	28,989.52 Expires 12/31/2017 (FY2016)
Anticipated Easement Closings:					86,950.00 Expires 12/31/2018 (FY2017) 115,939.52
Bill & Jane Johnston-CLOSED- Actual EXPS above					-15,912.50
Fairfield - Estimated		-20,000		-20,000	-40,000.00 estimated
Neal & Rebecca Dillon - Estimated				-11,250	-11,250.00 estimated
ESTIMATED YTD BALANCE	207,451	52,154	116,192	39,105	48,777.02 AVAILABLE Estimated YTD BALANCE-VDACS
				Clarke County: includes expenses not specifically	not specifically
EV18 Evnenditure Annyonriations	Local Funds/Donations	Actual Expenses	Appropriated Balance	designated to an	designated to an easement (including designated to an easement (including designated and monthly Hall Monahan
General Expenses	45,000	24,483	20,517	invoices).	
Fairfield / Greenhaugh	80,000				
Neal & Rebeca Dillon	22,500				
	147,500	24,483	20,517		

Through Apr 11, 2018 Conservation Easement Expense Detail - FY18

Conservation	Conservation Easement Expense Detail - FY18 Donations	Stewardship	Local Funds
	1,000.00 Clarke County HS-Athletic Program support 90.00 Clarke County Ruritan Club 1,090.00		30,471.00 Hall, Monahan-Johnston easement purchase 30,471.00 sub-total 550.00 Maral S Kalbian-CEA Services July 2017 857.50 Hall, Monahan-Legal Svcs July 2017 1,407.50
<u>August</u>	400.00 Clarke County Fair-Blue Ribbon Sponsorship 25.00 Downstream Project 972.74 Robin Couch Cardillo-CEA Services Aug 2017 68.00 Winchester Printers-CCEA Banner 450.00 Gloria Marconi Illustration-CEA Services	1,000.00 B Herde-Intern work 1,000.00 S Dorsey-Intern work 23.33 S Dorsey-mileage 73.51 B Herde-mileage	1,700.00 Hall, Monahan-Legal Svcs Aug 2017 1,700.00
Sept .	800.00 Robin Couch Cardillo-CEA Services 500.00 Krohn Design-Panel exihibit Wetland Exhibit 218.66 Winchester Printers-Newsletter & Postage 891.00 Winchester Printers Inc-Newsletter & Postage 2,409.66 1,440.00 Robin Couch Cardillo - Services for CEA	0.00	0:00
	1.82 Purchase Power-postage 550.00 Gloria Marconi Illustration-CEA Services 1,991.82 972.74 Robin Couch Cardillo-Svcs for CEA Nov '17 800.99 BMS Direct-Services 1.773.73	0	0.00
Dec	200.00 Gloria Marconi Illustration-CEA Services 1,046.86 Robin Couch Cardillo-Svcs for CEA 1,246.86	0	500.00 Myers & Woods Apprsl-Arkfeld (Opequon Cattle Co) 500.00
Jan	640.00 Robin Couch Cardillo-Svcs for CEA 188.31 Winchester Printers-CEA Services 654.64 Winchester Printers-CEA Services 1,482.95	0	2,112.50 Hall, Monahan-Legal Svcs Sept-Dec 2,112.50
Feb .	23.00 Crown Trophy 9.52 Purchase Power-postage 84.00 BB&T - CEA Awards Gift 116.52	0	0:00
	25.00 Downstream Project - Domain Name Renewal 1,980.84 Robin Couch Cardillo 450.00 Gloria Marconi Illustration-CEA Services 356.00 BB&T - Cons Easement signs 2,811.84	0	170.00 Hall, Monahan - Title exam Dillon property
	250.00 Virginia's United Land Trusts-registration 1,087.36 Winchester Printers 1,337.36	0	320.00 Hall, Monahan,-Legal Svcs Jan-Mar 2018 320.00
YTD Totals	Donations 16,176	Stewardship 2,097	<u>Local Funds</u> 36,681

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Conservation Easement Authority

FROM:

Alison Teetor April 12, 2018

DATE: SUBJECT:

Application for grant Purchase – RSP Enterprises, Betsy Pritchard

Betsy Pritchard, co-owner RSP Enterprises (Smithfield Farm) has applied to the easement authority for approval of an easement purchase using grant funds. The property is located 568 Smithfield Lane off of Wickliffe Road adjacent to the West Virginia line. The property is identified by Tax Map# 10-A-6. It consists of 214 acres with 5 DUR's and 3 existing dwellings. There is an additional 1.5 acres with 1 DUR that will likely be merged in prior to easement recordation. The primary use is for grazing and hay production. The applicant proposes to retire all of the 6 remaining DURs.

The parcel is zoned AOC and is currently in use value taxation, in accord with the Commissioner of Revenue's requirements, therefore a donation may be considered if at least two of the following four guidelines are met:

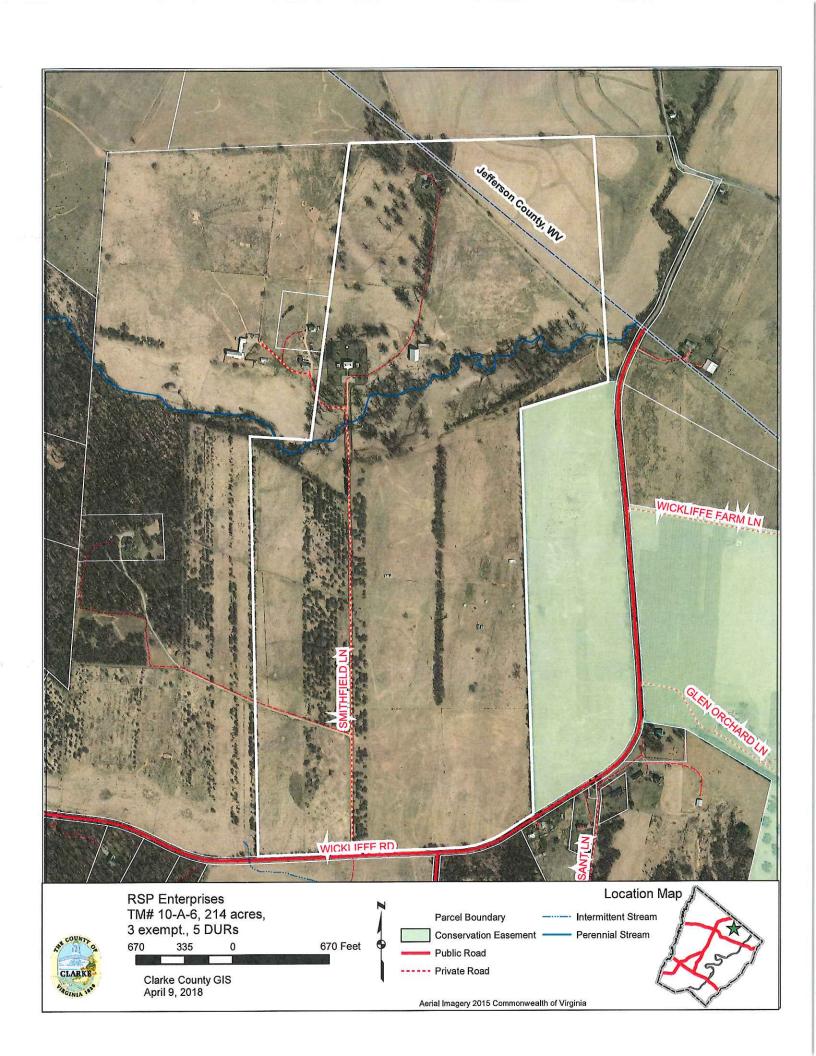
- 1) the parcel's Property Resource Score is at least 35;
- 2) at least one dwelling unit right is extinguished by the conservation easement;
- 3) the parcel is adjacent to a parcel already under permanent conservation easement;
- 4) the property has a minimum area of 40 acres.

The property meets all of the 4 criteria. The property resource score is 125.69. The applicant would retire all of the 6 remaining DURs. It is next to an existing easement, property that the Pritchard's own and placed in easement in 2009, and it is more than 40 acres. Points were given for retiring 6 DURs, having a perennial stream, a house listed individually on the National Historic Register. Having frontage on a scenic byway, and being owned by the same family for more than 200 years.

Potential grant opportunities include ALE (formally FRPP) federal, and the Virginia Land Conservation Fund (state). This is an excellent candidate for grant funds as it has nearly 100% prime soils, is listed on the National Historic Register and has numerous contributing structures in the Long Marsh Rural Historic District.

Recommendation

Give preliminary approval and schedule a site visit.



MEMORANDUM

TO:

Conservation Easement Authority

FROM:

Alison Teetor

DATE:

April 12, 2018

SUBJECT:

Consideration of an easement donation - Biff Genda, Rosemont

Biff Genda, Genda Land Holdings, LLC owns Rosemont. He is in early stages of considering a conservation easement on Rosemont.

The proposed easement zoning would encompass 45.29 acres roughly surrounding the Rosemont Manor, see attached site plan. This area is zoned DR-2 which would allow up to 90 homes.

The idea would be that the easement would restrict future division of the property. Mr. Genda does not want to include the 10 acres around the Manor house which has been approved as an Event Venue by the Town of Berryville.

He would like to reserve the right to build future buildings up to 1% of the land area.

Mr. Genda says the Town of Berryville has no objection to the easement, staff has confirmed that the Town has no objection. There is a loan but First Bank is cooperative.

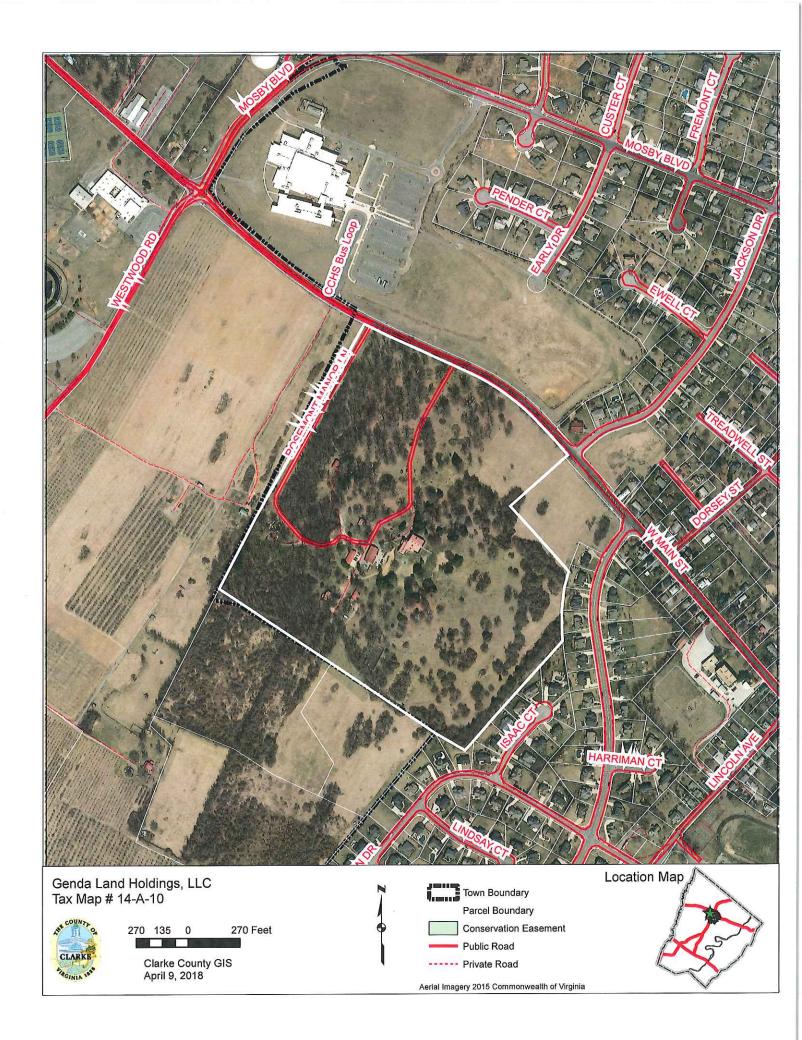
Staff has suggested that the Department of Historic Resources hold the easement. This is their initial response.

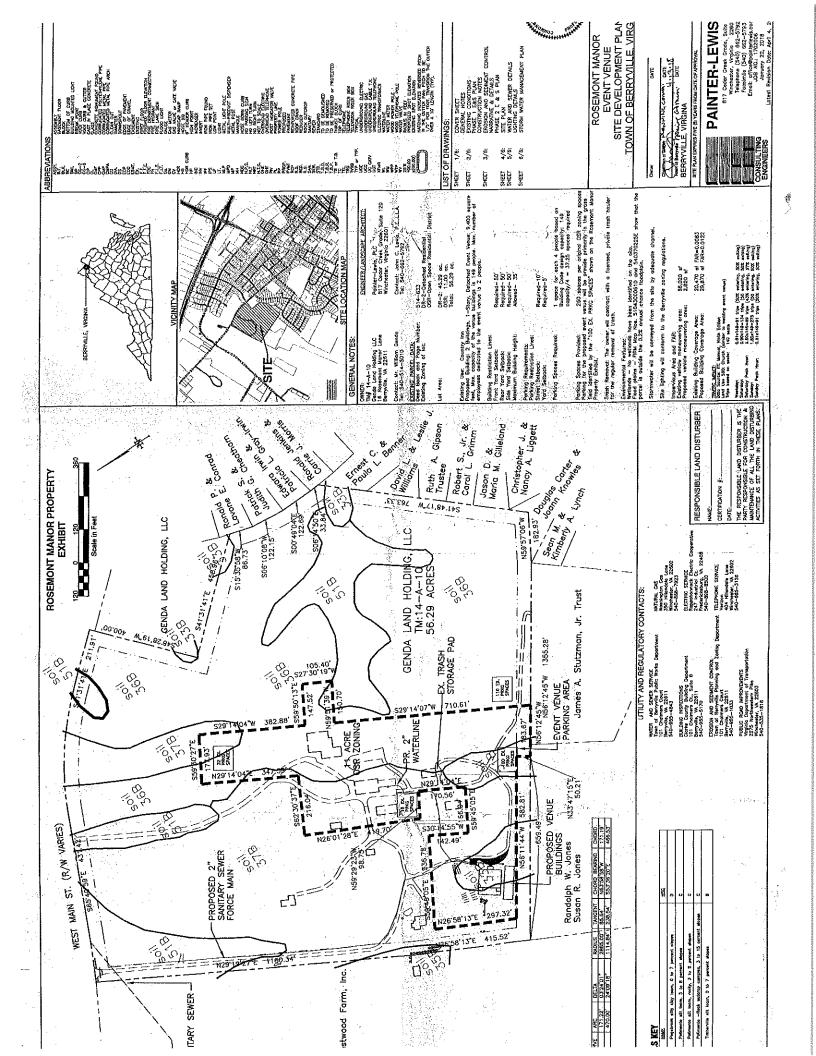
"In order for the Virginia Board of Historic Resources to consider holding an easement on a property, it must be listed on the National Register of Historic Places or on the Virginia Landmark Register, or within the boundaries of a battlefield. Our records on this property appear limited, and I'm unable to confirm that this property meets this threshold at this time. However, we do have property owners that pursue historic listing and an easement in coordination.

Additional information about the easement program administered by our office is available on our website: https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/easement/easement.htm

Our Program Coordinator, Wendy Musumeci, primarily handles inquiries for new easements, and can be reached at wendy.musumeci@dhr.virginia.gov or 804-482-6096."

The current policy of the Easement Authority is to hold easements on properties zoned AOC or FOC in the County. This property is zoned DR-2 and is in the Town of Berryville. If the Authority is interested in holding an easement on the Property, staff suggests consulting with the County attorney to determine how to proceed.





ZACH COVERSTONE

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SKILLS

Proficient in ArcGIS
Skilled in CAD
NOCTI certification in pre-engineering and engineering technology

Microsoft Word and Excel

Effective Time Management Skills

Great teamwork skills

Very Organized

Great People / Customer Service Skills

EDUCATION

BS in Geospatial Science – Environmental Concentration Minor in Geology

Radford University – Graduation Spring 2019 3.0 GPA

EXPERIENCE

Final project for intermediate GIS class - https://arcg.is/0uOLf4

The UPS Store (2016 - Present)

Retail associate, helped with register and the organization and sale of merchandise

BSR/Summits Point Raceway (April 2017-Present)

Worked in teams as a Flagger and alongside EMS. Taught great communication and teamwork skills

VOLUNTEER AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Treasurer of GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth Association)

YOCAMA Mission Service Trip
Member of Radford University Geography Club
Member of Radford University Geology club
Member of Winchester 4-H club

Amanda Kerns

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Objective: Obtain employment with diverse planning department to develop and expand upon Planning and Community Engagement skills

Skills

- Clear and effective written and oral communication skills
- Attention to detail and accuracy in execution of all assigned projects and presentations
- Highly experienced in team leadership in academic and organizational settings
- Talent for socioeconomic data analysis
- Committed to high-quality customer service interactions

Technical Training

- Microsoft Office Suite
- Google SketchUp
- ArcGIS

- ESRI Business Analyst
- Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator
- Research and Database Organization

Education

DECEMBER 2016

Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning / Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida

GPA: 3.9, Magna Cum Laude. Minor in Communications Studies

Experience

DECEMBER 2004 - OCTOBER 2009, MARCH 2018 - PRESENT

Certified Trainer, Server, Bartender / Buffalo Wild Wings, Winchester, Virginia

- Required to execute and maintain service standards in a fast- paced, high-volume customer service environment
- Established and maintained relationships with regular customers through high-quality customer service interactions
- Executed corporate standards to properly train new front of house employees

FEBRUARY 2010 - MARCH 2018

Training Coordinator, Server, Bartender / Outback Steakhouse, Winchester, Virginia/Delray Beach, Florida

- Managed and trained over 75 new hires in all customer service-based positions
- Developed and implemented new training standards and programs in close cooperation with management

 Responsible for executing professional customer service standards and cultivating relationships with customers through guest interactions

JUNE 2015 - MAY 2017

Research Assistant / Florida Atlantic University Center for Urban and Environmental Solutions, Boca Raton, Florida

- Researched, analyzed, and synthesized land use and community redevelopment reports
 pertaining to contracted projects
- Assisted in project management to maintain output and scheduling for simultaneous projects
- Established and maintained community connections and contacts to execute effective, highquality community engagement events
- Networked with practicing professionals at local, state, and national levels to acquire new projects and provide students access to a wide variety of planning related resources

Leadership Experience

JANUARY 2017 - MAY 2017

President / Planning Society @ FAU, Boca Raton, Florida

- Worked closely with department staff to create and implement creative student engagement programs
- Established and maintained working relationships with local planning professionals to provide students with internship opportunities and access to networking resources
- Managed Planning Society leadership through brainstorming, planning, and execution of club events

AUGUST 2016 - DECEMBER 2016

Community Services Coordinator / Planning Society @ FAU, Boca Raton, Florida

- Responsible for planning and executing fundraising and community service activities
- Coordinated community outreach events, such as waterway cleanups and new student recruitment, with local stakeholders and community leaders

References

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EDUCATION

George Mason University

August 2017-Current

Anticipated Bachelor of Arts in Information Systems and Operations Management Relevant coursework: Public speaking, Information Technology, business and professionalism

Fairfax, VA

WORK EXPERIENCE

Scotts Miracle Gro

December 2017-Present

Merchandiser

Fairfax, VA

- Assisted in chemical and plant resets
- Interact with customers to ensure they get what products they need
- Building and maintaining products on shelves

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

WRESTLING TEAM CAPTAIN

OCTOBER 2015 - FEBRUARY 2017

- Led by example ensuring everybody on the team is a functioning member
- Started practice daily
- Emphasized a positive outlook of wrestling

Junior Class Vice President

August 2015-June 2016

- Event setup and clean up
- Volunteer Opportunities around the community organizations

4-H Club Treasure

2013-2017

- Balanced checkbooks
- Gave monthly briefings about club budget
- Tracked all goods sold and money earned at fundraising events