

# Boards & Commissions Application



I am interested in serving on the following boards/commissions. (Please indicate the order of preference).

- 1. Stormwater Advisory Committee
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**As an applicant/member of a Council-appointed Board or Commission, your name, address, and phone number will be available to the press and public. Information will be kept on file for three years. Public discussion of information contained herein may occur in the meeting at which appointments are considered by the City Council.**

Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Miss.  Dr. (Please type or print clearly)

Name: Fary Raymond 'Wick' W Date: 3/30/2015  
(Last) (First) (M.I)

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Occupation: Horticulturist Employer/Organization: Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community

E-mail: wfary@vmrc.org Harrisonburg resident for 45\* years.

Were you referred by anyone:  Yes  No Name of Referring Party: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about volunteering on a board or commission?  Cable  Website  Council Meeting  
 Other: stormwater email update

### Why do you wish to serve on a board or commission?

The MS4 permitting process is a milestone in the application of the principle that human quality of life is dependent on highly functioning ecosystems. I consider serving on this advisory board an opportunity to support and affirm government's role in equitably meeting it's permit requirements.

I hope that as a member of the advisory committee I would contribute to finding ways for landowners to collaborate with city management and with each other to treat stormwater by the most effective & efficient means offered in any given location. My employer, VMRC is a large landowner with significant impervious surfaces and interest in sound environmental stewardship. Representation on the committee would be mutually beneficial as the Harrisonburg community moves toward meeting the ambitious treatment goals established for the coming years.

### What relevant experience or education do you have to this board or commission?

I have worked as a landscape gardener & designer in the Harrisonburg/Rockingham community for 35 years, consistently focusing on opportunities presented in my work to conserve natural assets and processes. I hold Virginia Horticulturist Certificate # 2652.

In the course of my work at VMRC I initiated our participation in a pilot project with the Virginia Department of Forestry and the Soil and Water Conservation District resulting in installation of an early generation bio-remediation feature on the VMRC campus, for which VMRC received an Urban Forestry Award from the Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts in 2002. VMRC is currently exploring ways to maximize our contribution to mitigation of stormwater impacts for all drainage from and through our properties.

Relevant academic courses include Geology 340, Soils and Land Use, and Geology 410, Engineering Geology.

**What other interests or concerns do you have regarding the community?**

Preservation of a healthy urban area responsive to the needs of it's citizens and the wider community, particularly relating to physical space.

**Please list any past or present community involvement e.g. City Council, Board and Commissions, Citizen Academy, etc. in Harrisonburg or elsewhere:**

Service on various committees for Valley Friends Meeting (Quakers), Dayton.  
Provide regular feedback as an individual to elected officials who represent me.

**-Please return completed application to the City Manager's Office-**

*Applicants are encouraged to attach a resume or other supporting information that may be helpful to Council in considering their application.*

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**Occupational Goal:**

To utilize my horticultural knowledge & experience in support of a team providing superlative land and garden care that compliments ecological functionality.

**Skills Summary:**

Landscape design

Garden maintenance planning

Oral & written communication

Integrated pest management

Customer service

Purchasing

Plant identification

Storm water management & remediation

Drafting (some CAD/GIS)

Relevant computer skills including

Word processing

Spreadsheets

Microsoft Outlook

Web-based timekeeping, job-tracking software

**Employment History:**

Horticulturist, Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community

2014 to present

Grounds Supervisor, Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community

2004 to 2014

Grounds Team Leader, Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community

1994 to 2004

Grounds Worker, Senior, James Madison University

4/1987 to 4/1994

Self employed Landscape gardener/contractor d.b.a. Terra Firma Gardens

3/1982 to 9/1990

**Education & Training:**

James Madison University: attended part time between 1979 and 1992.

Blue Ridge Community College: 2013

Coursework in studio art, biology, geology and geography, architectural drafting totaling 63 credit hours.

**License and Certification:**

Virginia Certified Horticulturist

Virginia Certified Pesticide Applicator, ornamentals and turf

Virginia Class B Drivers License, Passenger endorsement