

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)

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(Last) (First) (M.I)

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Occupation: Professor Employer/Organization: JMU

E-mail: alexanrw@jmu.edu Harrisonburg resident for 4 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: Email call for applicants _____

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

It is very important for me personally and professionally that I engage in public service at the local, state, and federal levels. I have much respect for the individuals employed by our city who engage in work regarding environmental quality and planning and I would like to contribute to their work with my time as is seen fit.

Also, in my role as a faculty member in the Masters of Public Administration program at JMU, I see Committee service as an opportunity to better understand the skills and technical capacities that we need to be teaching our students so that they, in turn, may effectively participate as employees and volunteers with the city of Harrisonburg.

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

I have a B.S. in Geology, and Masters of Science in Environmental Science, and a Masters and PhD in Public Administration where my training has focused on the intersection of science, policy, and environmental quality. I teach undergraduate and graduate courses in environmental policy and public management and am experienced in a range of stakeholder analysis methods. I also have background in understanding how state and federal policies and programs shape what is feasible to do at the municipal level in Virginia.

I attended three sessions of the 2013/2014 Virginia Natural Resources Leadership Institute out of UVA.

I also serve as a process facilitator consultant in the community, helping organizations and committees build capacities for decision-making processes and productivity.

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

I have been following the evolution of stormwater policy in Harrisonburg with great interest and perceive some of the challenges of communicating the new rules and approaches to citizens to incentivize compliance. This seems to be an exciting opportunity to get involved as this transition takes place.

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

As mentioned above, a great deal of my community involvement is in the area of building organizational capacities for public and nonprofit organizations. I have provided facilitation and process design services for a range of clients including the North End Greenway, the Valley AIDS Network, and the JMU Center for Entrepreneurship.

-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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