

Boards & Commissions Application

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

1. Environmental Performance Standards Advisory Co 2. Stormwater Advisory Committee

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: Nixon Brian L **Date:** 08/12/2019 reconfirmed 11/25/20
(Last) (First) (M.I)

Home Address: 408 Glenfield Court, Harrisonburg, VA 22802 Own/Rent? Own

Phone Number: (540) 435-8964 **Alternate Phone:** _____

Occupation: Engineering/Drafting Technician **Employer/Organization:** Engineering Solutions

E-mail: Brian.L.Nixon@gmail.com **Harrisonburg resident for** 9 **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: _____

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

I wish to serve on the EPSA Committee because I wish to see Harrisonburg develop in an environmentally mindful way.

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

I have an B.S. from James Madison University where I studied Integrated Science and Technology focusing in Environmental Studies. My capstone project focused on analyzing and comparing different waste management systems. I worked for Rockingham County as their Erosion & Sediment Control (ESC) Inspector, Plan Reviewer, & Program Administrator where I became very familiar with the State's ESC & stormwater management rules and regulations. Currently I'm volunteering with the non-profit Soil Cycles as one of their administrators working to divert food waste in the community from the landfill and turn it into usable soil.

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

I am interested in seeing our community become an example and leader in environmental planning. One concern I have is that the voices and opinions of the minority communities in our city will not be presented/heard. I think it's important for the success of any action to have all stakeholders involved in the planning process.

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

Last year I went through the Harrisonburg Citizen Academy program.

-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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WORK EXPERIENCE

Drafting Technician II/Engineering Tech. for Engineering Solutions & Construction Management, PLC, 2015 – Present

- Work with clients and design teams on building design through completion of projects
- Create blueprints, construction details, engineering reports and other construction documents based on details collected in the field and from the engineer
- Aid in the design of structural framing systems
- Participate in site design process and compile engineering reports as required by local governing authority

Erosion & Sediment Control Combined Administrator for Rockingham County, Dec. 2013 – May 2015

- Enforced the County's Erosion & Sediment Control (E&SC) ordinance through site inspections and plan review
- Completed VADEQ E&SC Combined Administrator Certification

Undergraduate Researcher for JMU's Office of Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability, June 2012 – Dec. 2012

- Headed pilot program with Goodwill and JMU for campus-wide move-out day event
- Planned and organized sustainability programs to be implemented around the JMU campus
- Managed recycling and compost booths at several faculty and organizational events

Teaching Assistant for Environmental Issues in Science and Technology Course at JMU, Aug. 2011 – Dec. 2012

- Assisted in conducting lab portion of the class and helped students with practical application of class material

ACTIVITIES

Soil Cycles Administrator

- Helping organize and run a non-profit organization that collects food waste from residences and businesses in the community and turn it into usable compost

Big Brothers Big Sisters Volunteer

- Served as a mentor to an underprivileged boy for a year and a half

Potomac Appalachian Trail Club

- Active member participating in trail maintenance and attending regular group hikes

Kijiji: Citizens of Influence Leadership Organization at JMU, 2010-13

- Participated in weekly personal growth meetings on leadership, strengths, influence, and community building
- Developed afterschool program at local elementary school educating students about sustainability

Integrated Science and Technology Honor Society at JMU

- Member from 2011-13 / Elected Treasurer academic year 2012-13
- Tutored students weekly on a variety of topics

CERTIFICATIONS / SKILLS

- Solidworks CAD Certification
- Competency with ArcGIS, AutoCAD, Revit, BlueBeam, SketchUp, and Solidworks softwares
- Construction site plan reading and evaluation related to environmental management controls
- Microsoft Excel, Word, and PowerPoint proficient
- Systems thinking approach to problem analysis
- Avid hiker/backpacker

**Supplemental Questions for Environmental Performance Standards Advisory Committee (EPSAC)
Application**

- 1) The EPSAC will be meeting up to once per month. Meetings will typically take place between 5-7pm. Are you typically available during these times? Yes No

- 2) City Council is seeking EPSAC members to represent broad stakeholder interests within the city. If you will be participating on the EPSAC as a representative of a business, group, or organization, please provide the name of the business, group, or organization and indicate what stakeholder category the group represents. If more than one, please list all.
 - A. Residents, civic leagues, homeowners associations.
 - B. Institutional and tax exempt entities including colleges and churches.
 - C. Business community including residential, commercial and industrial property owners, malls, and business groups.
 - D. Professional engineers, real estate developers, and construction contractors.
 - E. Special interest groups that represent economic development, environmental or outdoor recreation.
 - F. Others, education professionals from the local schools and city staff

Business, Group, or Organization Name	Category
<i>Example X Homeowners Association</i>	<i>A</i>
Soil Cycles HVA	E
Northfield Court Neighborhood HOA	A