

Boards & Commissions Application



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

1. Environmental Performance Standards Advisory 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: Evans Taylor B Date: 10/25/2019
(Last) (First) (M.I)

Home Address: 93 Franklin St. Own/Rent? Rent

Phone Number: 240-315-7241 Alternate Phone: _____

Occupation: Tuition Specialist Employer/Organization: James Madison University

E-mail: Evanstb611@gmail.com Harrisonburg resident for 7 years.

Were you referred by anyone: Yes No Name of Referring Party: Tom Benevento

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 feel that municipalities are the seat of the most effective and accountable change - as we better know our neighbors we can speak our collective needs and we can be held accountable to those who we have not yet heard. Service to community is one of the most important ways to give back and strengthen the bonds between citizenry and governance. I am passionate about EPSAC's work, I feel well prepared to speak to the issues the committee faces. I am deeply grateful to Harrisonburg and I have been impressed by the work the City has done thus far with EPSAC and I would like to be a part of future conversations and decision making.

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

My undergraduate and graduate studies have focused around ecology and environmental biology, specifically the importance for forested landscapes. I have worked on farms and in gardens in Harrisonburg/Rockingham for as many years as I resided in the city. I have worked with a number of local organizations (Vine and Fig, ReNew Rocktown, Black's Run Forest Farm, Our Community Place) that are committed to environmental justice as a framework for community development and I believe that the combination of academic understanding, community involvement, and practical experience give me a holistic problem solving framework.

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

I am primarily interested in the way in which Harrisonburg can tie its future successes and development to sound environmental policy - the land use and food systems subcommittees found within EPSAC are particularly important to me as I see a clear link between our natural resources and our ability to preserve them and our future success as a city. I believe that every resident of Harrisonburg should have access to natural spaces of equality quality regardless of income, the ability to access food at a reasonable cost to both consumer and producer, and that as the seat of a agricultural county, that we should learn from the wisdom of our community in building resilience in our food systems and land use plans.

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

2019. Volunteer. Black's Run Forest Farm. Harrisonburg, VA.
2018. Volunteer. Black's Run Forest Farm. Harrisonburg, VA.
2018. Soil Cycles. Financial Coordinator.
2018. ReNew Rocktown. Food Systems Action Team.

-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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Education

James Madison University • B.S. Biology and Environmental Management Magna cum Laude

James Madison University • M.S. Biology - Expected Graduation 2021

The Resilience Hub 2018 • Permaculture Design Certification

Experience:

Tuition Specialist - James Madison University

June 2018-Present

- *Financial Aid Management*
 - Clean, review, and manage scholarship data for all student athletes
 - Develop and document procedure for program management and implementation
 - Coordinate scholarship payment and return schedule with Financial Aid and Athletics Office
 - Return and document federal and private loans in accordance with state and federal policies
 - Write and run queries to streamline review of student account information
- *Tuition Review*
 - Perform daily review of tuition model output for university
 - Identify and troubleshoot anomalies in tuition data
 - Write and run queries to preempt issues within tuition model

Financial Coordinator - New Community Project

January 2019-October 2019

- *Bookkeeping*
 - Manage organizational budget and financial reporting to parent organization
 - Manage accounting of donations, gifts, and grants for multiple projects
 - Process payroll for interns, partners, and contract employees
- *Forest Farm Maintenance*
 - Propagate perennial plant material for restoration, education, and sale
 - Plant trees and shrubs in community restoration project on Black's Run

Program Assistant - New England Dairy and Food Council

October 2017-June 2018

- *School Grant & Data Collection*
 - Assist with administration of grant funding programs to schools
 - Review, revise, and distribute grant documents and marketing resources
 - Conduct continuous follow-up to grant recipients, organize response data, and create staff reports
- *Partnerships and Development*
 - Assist fundraising team with research, communications, and outreach
 - Consolidate, review, and edit funding proposals
 - Coordinate fundraising events and meeting logistics
- *Administrative Support*
 - Coordinate meetings with staff and external vendors
 - Compile, edit, and distribute weekly and monthly meeting notes
 - Maintain office supplies and equipment
 - Coordinate and distribute mailings to partners
 - Manage and update shared event equipment inventory

Director of Faculty and Management - Down Under School of Yoga

June 2015-September 2017

- *Human Resource Management*
 - Handle and process all tax, employment, and healthcare documents for incoming faculty
 - Maintain quality of offerings by providing feedback and recommending areas of improvement
 - Guide teachers through studio policies around career advancement and benefit access
 - Generate monthly, quarterly, and annual reports to analyze past attendance trends to inform revenue growth through strategic marketing and programming
- *Director of Management and Customer Service*
 - Design and implement training curriculum for managers focused on exceptional customer service

- Run quality reviews of performance to communicate areas of excellence and improvement
- Design and maintain the in-studio manager schedule for a team of 15 full-time employees
- Troubleshoot manager/student inquiries on MindBody POS services
- *Program Coordinator – Corporate Clients and Off-site programming*
 - Coordinate and sustain off-site classes and events with corporate and non-profit clients
 - Maintain regular invoice schedule and record-keeping for accounts receivable

Instructor – James Madison University**August 2014-May 2015**

- *Department of Kinesiology*
 - Instruct three lab sections of a general education kinesiology course
 - Design lab sessions to complement classroom content and complete specific learning objectives
- *Madison Union Student Services*
 - Lead weekly classes focusing on mindfulness, stress management, and wellness
 - Facilitate student led discussions on challenges and successes related to stress management
 - Provide monthly reviews of student participation and feedback for program improvement

Physical Therapy Technician – Synergy Rehab and Wellness**May 2014-November 2014**

- *Patient Interface and Record Keeping*
 - Discuss and evaluate patient information with physical therapists to develop treatment plans
 - Instruct, safeguard, and assist patients practicing exercises under direction of medical staff
 - Compile and evaluate data on patients' responses and progress through treatment observation

Produce Manager – Avalon Acres, LLC.**March 2012–August 2013**

- *Farm Manager*
 - Develop a full growing season plan using organic and biodynamic best practices
 - Utilize sustainable land management practices and permaculture-based landscape design
 - Plan and implement harvest schedule for two weekly farmers' markets
 - Follow and improve post-harvest processing and storage best practices
 - Maintain farm tools and infrastructure
- *Head Market Representative*
 - Establish and maintain direct-to-consumer markets and corporate clients
 - Maintain sales records, expense reports, invoicing, and accounts receivable
- *Lead Volunteer Coordinator*
 - Coordinate "Farm Visit" Days for regular customers to increase engagement
 - Organize volunteer teams from schools and universities to provide support for larger projects

Research Technician - James Madison University**May 2012-August 2012**

- *Research Design and Data collection*
 - Design a USDA-funded multi-year forest inventory study
 - Collect forest inventory data via fixed radius plot sampling
 - Collect data including: GPS, soil moisture, and light levels
 - Supervise research assistants to collect and process field data
- *Data Analysis and Reporting*
 - Analyze landscape and soil features using ESRI Arc-GIS 10
 - Perform data analysis using IBM SPSS
 - Present data in multiple formats for poster sessions and lectures

Service:

- 2019. Alternative Spring Break Learning Partner. Cumberland Island National Seashore.
- 2019. Volunteer. Black's Run Forest Farm. Harrisonburg, VA.
- 2018. Volunteer. Black's Run Forest Farm. Harrisonburg, VA.

Research:

Evans, T. Griscom, H. *Comparing the Effects of Four Nursery Production Techniques on Hybrid Chestnut Seedling Quality*. In progress.

Evans, T. Griscom, H. *The Effect of Evergreen Understory on Forest Regeneration after Tsuga Canadensis Removal*. 2013. James Madison University Honor's Thesis.

Field Work Experience:

- 2019. CREP Planning and Installation. Fischer Farm. Harrisonburg, VA.
- 2013. Forest Regeneration after Hemlock Removal. George Washington and Jefferson National Forests.
- 2011. Agroforestry and Lemur Conservation Research. Parc Ivoloina, Madagascar.

Presentations

- 2019. Comparing the Effects of Four Nursery Production Techniques on Hybrid Chestnut Seedling Quality. The American Chestnut Foundation Annual Meeting. Gettysburg, PA.
- 2013. The Effect of Evergreen Understory on Forest Regeneration after Tsuga Canadensis Removal. James Madison University Biosymposium. Harrisonburg, VA.

Awards and Honors:

- 2019. Professional Development Grant. \$40
- 2019. External Research Grant. The American Chestnut Foundation. \$1500
- 2019. Outstanding Student Poster Award. 3rd Place with Distinction. Annual Meeting of The American Chestnut Foundation. Gettysburg, PA.
- 2019. Student Travel Grant. The Association of Southern Biologists Annual Meeting. Jacksonville, FL. \$375
- 2011. USDA Forest Service, Southern research station. Griscom lab summer research stipend. \$3300
- **Dean's List:** 2009-2013
- **President's List:** Spring 2012
- **STEM Second Century Scholars:** Fall 2009-May 2013

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
<u>Example X Homeowners Association</u>	<u>A</u>

While I work for a university and am involved
in work that spans multiple categories (e.g.
education and environmental interests), I do
not feel it would be appropriate to say that I
speak for these organizations specifically.