

Application Form

Profile

	Jeff	R	Williams	
Prefix	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Suffix

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Email Address

1780 Heritage Estates Circle	
Home Address	Suite or Apt

Harrisonburg	VA	22801
City	State	Postal Code

How many years have you been a resident of Harrisonburg?

6 weeks

Home: (717) 884-4041	
Primary Phone	Alternate Phone

Retired	Very retired as a parks and recreation advocate
Employer	Job Title

Demographics - (Submission of this information if voluntary and will not subject you to any adverse treatment should you chose to not complete)

Ethnicity

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Male

What is your age?

☒ 50+ years old

Are you reapplying for a current position you hold? *

☒ No

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC): On Agenda

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I am a retired park and recreation professional. I have served eleven years as Chair of the park and rec Board where I lived in PA and want to continue my engagement with staff, citizens and services to better my community. My wife is also a retired park and rec professional and a Past President of the PA park and recreation Society. She is a hometown girl and grew up here familiar with all the parks and pool. So she is touring me around our new home. I would like to bring positive outside views using park systems in other states as a resource to add to the discussions. I am familiar with large agency and the smaller ones you see in PA.

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

The top two points in my career are customer service and diversity. I have always worked in communities with widely varied socioeconomic and ethnic neighborhoods. I think the public engagement and open dialog needs to continue as I have seen already here. While I am new, I have park history through my wife and already have some ideas to share at the appropriate time. I am very interested to see what the new Comp Plan will show.

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

My 40 year professional career has been wonderful. I have literally been able to do everything associated with parks and recreation. Park planning, programs for pre-school to seniors, and small community festivals up to large events. But maybe the biggest experience right now is the empathy I would offer coming from my eleven years as Chair of the upper Allen Park and Recreation Advisory Board. Our incredible board supported the great staff as they elevated the park system from very good to excellent. This is hard. A major emphasis was to expand the accessibility AND inclusivity of the programs and facilities. It makes no sense to have a ramp access to a piece of playground equipment that leads to a platform with nothing else to do when in a wheelchair other than to watch your friends play.. During my career, I have enjoyed work at the national level and belonged to two state professional organizations. this provides me with a large group of folks who are resources for ideas, process, equipment, design, etc.

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

11 years Chair of the Upper Allen Twp Park and Recreation Advisory Board. Other advisory boards including Frostburg State University Recreation Department and as a Commissioner for the Frederick County, MD Recreation and Parks Department. Staff to Teen Councils in Howard County, MD and Montgomery County, MD.

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EPSAC Applicants only

Bike/Pedestrian Subcommittee Applicants only

JEFFREY R. WILLIAMS,

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EDUCATION:

B.S. Park and Recreation Administration, University of Maryland at College Park, 1979

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

- NRPA Revenue Resources Management School at Oglebay Park, West Virginia, 1989-90

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS:

- Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) - National Recreation & Parks Association (NRPA), 1991 to 2014
- Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) – NRPA, 2009 to 2016

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Chairman, Upper Allen Township Park and Recreation Board, Mechanicsburg, PA

- 2012 to 2026 – appointed volunteer position

Quality Assurance Officer, Dasher, Inc., Harrisburg, PA

- November, 2013 to January, 2017 (p/t benefitted)

Director of Parks and Recreation, Silver Spring Township, Mechanicsburg, PA

- July 2008 to October 2013
- Managed all aspects of park development, maintenance, and program development

Interim Executive Director, Red Land Senior Center, Etters, PA

- June 2007 to July 2008
- Managed all aspects of a senior citizen center serving residents from area Townships and Boroughs.

Manager, Community Services Division, Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks, Columbia, MD

- August 1999 to May 2007
- Managed a division of 27 career professionals, 100 contractual employees, and numerous seasonal staff.
- Managed career staff to provide county-wide program areas included Adult Trips, and Classes; Youth and Teen Programs; Early Childhood Programs; Therapeutic Recreation and Inclusion Services; 55+ Programs and Trips; Special Events and Festivals; Community Centers; Aquatics; and Volunteer Coordination.
- Involved in the planning, staffing and operations for a new 55,000 square foot Community Center
- Trained Department staff and supervisors on the County performance review system.
- One of 14 county agencies accredited by the National Recreation and Parks Association's Commission on the Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) in 2003 and 2007

Senior Recreation Specialist / Montgomery County Department of Recreation, Rockville, MD

- April 1988 to August 1999

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- Member of the Camp/Playground Team and the Teen Team

Community Recreation Director, City of Rockville Department of Recreation and Parks, Rockville, MD

- March 1977 to April 1988
- Managed fee-paid and free programs for youth and families for the southern half of the city.

Recreation Leader I, City of Rockville Department of Recreation and Parks, Rockville, MD

- March 1975 to March 1977
- Professional/benefited position assisting Community Director.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- Maryland Recreation and Parks Association (MRPA), member since 1976
- National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), 1984-2014
- Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS), member since 1996

AWARDS:

Maryland Recreation and Parks Association (MRPA)

- *Retired Life Award*, 2019
- *Writing, Research, and Audio-Visual Award*, 2005
- *Maryland Governor's Citation*, 2002
- *Outstanding Professional*, Recreation and Leisure Services Branch (RALS), 2000
- *Outstanding Committee Award*, (4 times) 1997, 1998, 2001, 2003
- *Member of the Year*, Recreation and Leisure Services Branch (RALS) 1986, 1994, 1997
- *Chairman's Award*, Recreation and Leisure Services Branch (RALS) 1991, 1995
- *Frank Rubini Scholarship Recipient*, NRPA Revenue Management School, 1990

National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)

- *Michael B. Berman Special Fellow Citation*, National Recreation and Parks Association Mid-Atlantic Regional Council (MARC), 2002

Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS)

- *Volunteer of the Year Award*, Hershey's Youth Track and Field Games, 2008
- *PRPS President's Award*, 2012
- *"Good Job" annual award*, 2026

Agency/Citizen:

- *NAACP Howard County Youth Council Award*, September 2005
- *Outstanding Service Award*, Germantown Oktoberfest Committee, 1996
- *Outstanding Service to Youth Award*, Montgomery County Northern Area Advisory Board, 1996
- *Outstanding Service Award*, Montgomery County Department of Recreation, September 1992
- *Upper Allen Township Resolution for Park and Recreation Board service* - 2026

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- **Chairman**, National Recreation and Park Association, Mid-Atlantic Regional Council, 2000-01
- **President**, Maryland Recreation and Parks Association, 2006-2007
- **Vice-President**, Maryland Recreation and Parks Association, 2002-2003
- **Delegate**, NRPA National Forum, 2000-2001

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- **Delegate**, NRPA Mid-Atlantic Regional Council, 1992-93 and 1997-01;
- **Chairman, Recognition and Awards Committee**, PA Recreation and Park Society, 2009-2010
- **Chairman**, MRPA's Recreation & Leisure Services Branch, 1987-88
- **Adjunct Instructor**, Baltimore County Community College, 2005
- **Recreation Department Advisory Board**, Frostburg State University, 2002-04
- **Member-at-Large**, MRPA RALS Branch, 1983-94
- **Chairman**, Maryland Recreation and Parks Association's Annual Conference, 1987
- **Chairman**, Conference Sponsorships Maryland Recreation and Parks Association, 1991-2007

SPEAKER:

- Professional state park and recreation conferences in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and West Virginia. Teen programming, general programming and special events.
- NRPA National Congress and annual NRPA Mid-Atlantic Bob Artz Program Forum on recreation programming, special event sponsorships, effective meetings and teens.

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS:

- *"I Thought You Only Did Sports"*, NRPA Recreation and Parks Magazine, June 2005.
- *"Feed Them, and They Will Come"*, Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society, 3rd quarter 2005.
- *"Teen Programming"*

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

- Board Member, Upper Allen Township Park & Recreation Board, Mechanicsburg, PA, January 2012 to 2026. Chairman
- Commissioner, Frederick County Recreation and Parks Advisory Board, Frederick, MD, April 1998 to June 1992
- Volunteer, Hershey's Track and Field Games, local, district and state meets, 1994-2013
- Red Cross Instructor for Lifesaving and First Aid – 1000 hours

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