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PROFILE

Award-winning landscape architect and project manager with more than 20 years of progressive public and private experience. A unique ability to successfully work through challenging issues with a variety of clients to achieve goals using effective communication and negotiation.

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Site design and management of 15 to 1000+ acre traditional neighborhood, planned mixed-use communities, and commercial developments including housing, recreational facilities, schools, retirement communities, retail spaces, and streetscapes in numerous locations throughout the Midwest and Eastern United States.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Account Manager

BRICKMAN - Columbus, OH

2012- Current

- Manage more than \$1,750,000 in yearly landscape and snow contracts
- Sell nearly \$200,000 in yearly property enhancements to existing clients
- Maintain a yearly renewal rate of greater than 90% with current customers
- Continuously coordinate activities between clients and contract team members
- Review monthly P&L Ledgers, Sales Reports, and Branch Forecast

Senior Planner

WD Partners - Dublin, OH

2012

- Analyzed municipal codes and provided recommendations to clients through the site development and construction process
- Consistently managed the building permit approval process for more than 50 different retail projects
- Effectively communicated required permit document revisions to production team

Senior Project Manager

THE EDGE GROUP - Columbus, OH

2006 - 2011

- Merit Award (Planning Category) - Ohio Chapter ASLA - B.W. Cooper Neighborhood Revitalization - New Orleans, Louisiana
- Managed consultant teams on complex projects ranging from \$3,000,000 to \$120,000,000.
- Developed and maintained successful long-term client relationships
- Prepared and provided highly effective client presentations
- Coordinated the preparation of detailed and accurate document packages to meet rigid schedules
- Acquired and managed more than \$1,000,000 in planning and design contracts

Land Planning Manager

DOMINION HOMES – Dublin, OH

2005 - 2006

- Managed consultants and contractors through successful municipal entitlement and construction processes
- Created marketable site design land development options
- Provided effective visual and technical presentations during sales meetings
- Worked closely with community associations to design and implement attractive site amenity features
- Coordinated landscape design and installation for more than 15 communities throughout Ohio and Kentucky

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Principal

POD Design - Columbus, OH 2000 - 2005

- Provided leadership and mentorship to ten-person office team
- Managed more than 20 land planning projects of varying sizes and complexity
- Created project-winning proposals and marketing documents
- Prepared and provided articulate presentations
- Reviewed specification and drawing packages for accuracy and completeness
- Acquired and managed more than \$750,000 in planning and design contracts

Project Manager

CITY OF GAHANNA - Gahanna, OH 1998 - 2000

- Managed the planning, design, and construction of the West Gahanna Gateway- a \$1,500,000 city landscape enhancement project
- Met with applicants to discuss design proposals
- Provided recommendations to improve the quality of design throughout the City
- Identified and recommended useful planning and zoning code revisions
- Prepared effective best practices documents for community design and signage
- Presented applicant proposals to Planning Commission and City Council

COMPUTER PROFICIENCY

*AutoCAD 2000-2010, ArcView 3.2, Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, InDesign, Acrobat)
Microsoft Office Suite (Powerpoint, Word, Excel, Outlook) Microsoft Project, Corel Draw.*

LICENSURE

Registered Landscape Architect

State of Pennsylvania 1995

EDUCATION

Master of City and Regional Planning

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY - Columbus, OH 2001

Specialization – Open Space in Community Design and Development
Outstanding Student Project Award – Creekside Gahanna

Bachelor of Science, Landscape Architecture - Cum Laude

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY - Morgantown, WV 1992

American Society of Landscape Architects - Certificate of Honor

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Member, Brewery District Historic Commission, City of Columbus (Mayoral appointment), May 2006-present
- Guest lecturer, jury member, and critic, The Ohio State University - City and Regional Planning and Landscape Architecture programs, 2002-Present
- Member, American Planning Association, 2008-2012
- Project Management Certification, PSMJ Bootcamp, 1998

References available on request