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Interest: Would like to become a member of the Columbus Tree Sub-Committee

Qualifications:

- **Bachelor of Science** Degree in Forestry and Conservation – Kent State 1989
- Extensive experience in communicating and working with the public
- Strong background in the electrical utility field
- Experience managing people and projects
- Computer experience in all Microsoft applications as well as other commonly used programs
- **Certified Arborist, Utility Arborist, and obtained Custom Operator Pesticide Applicator License**

Employment History:

- *American Electric Power – Columbus, Ohio June 1999-present*

Utility Forester:

- Actively manage a multi-million dollar budget and 18 tree crews to perform line clearance work on more than 1,500 miles of electric utility line
- Inspect crews regularly to insure adherence to safety standards, productivity rates and job quality
- Communicate actively with local city governments including speaking at city and environmental group meetings to inform and educate the public about the need for and methods of line clearance activities.
- Effectively resolve all storm related tree calls as well as customer complaints
- Dramatically increased the tree removal rate, and dormant season herbicide applications to improve condition of utility right-of-way
- Involved in the development and implementation of a storm response plan for the Columbus Region Forestry group

- *American Electric Power – Logan WV Nov1997-June 1999*

Utility Forester – Performed similar duties as position in Columbus as well as:

- Managed a pole inspection program which involved assigning work areas to be covered, monitoring progress, and quality checking at least 10 % of poles treated
- Initiated a dormant season basal spray program to more efficiently clear the rights-of-way of undesirable tree and brush species
- Dramatically increased customer contacts and tree removal rates

- *ACRT – Huntington WV* *Feb 1997 – Nov 1997*

Utility Line Clearance Work Planner:

- Performed land owner notification and line clearance planning for 14 crews in 3 counties
- Greatly increased tree and brush removal rate as well as crew productivity
- Initiated positive and well informed communications between customers, AEP, and contract line crews
- Promoted to Senior Forester for the WV AEP – ACRT contract

- *Macedonia Vet Clinic – Macedonia, Ohio* *Feb 1994 – Feb 1997*

Vet Technician:

- Interacted with the public through the presentation of animal programs to area schools
- Assist doctors in all aspects of animal handling and care

- *Camp Wanikewin – Ontario, Canada* *April 1990 – Feb 1994*

Guide and Operations Assistant:

- Represented fishing and hunting camp at Sport Shows across the NE United States and Canada
- Worked closely with customers to ensure their total satisfaction with the camp and it's services
- Responsible for maintenance of all camp equipment as well as firewood harvesting, and removal of hazard trees throughout the camp and outpost areas
- Fishing and hunting guide included educating customers on local plant and animal species as well as the geology of the area.

- **Professional Memberships:** UAA, NAA, ISA

References Available upon request

