Liz Gunden, AICP

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EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

» Master of Urban & Regional Planning, May 2019
Concentration: Physical Planning & Design

Goshen College, Goshen, IN

» Bachelor of Arts, April 2011
Major: Art, Minors: Graphic Design, Spanish

» Study-Service Term, Nicaragua, Summer 2009
Lived in Nicaragua for three months studying Spanish and Nicaraguan culture.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Beckett & Raeder, Inc., Ann Arbor, MI

» Project Planner. June 2019 - present
Manage, author, and design projects (master plans, zoning ordinances, parks & recreation plans, corridor studies), which all include community engagement. Provide planning services including site plan review, correspondence with applicants, and presentations to boards and councils. Create graphics and reports for entire Planning Team.

» Planning Intern, November 2018 - June 2019
Collaborated with planning staff to design report layouts for master plans and parks & recreation plans.

Taubman College of Architecture & Urban Planning, Ann Arbor, MI

» Graduate Student Instructor, September 2018 - May 2019
Assisted professors in two courses, "Architecture, Sustainability, & the City" and "U.S. Planning Institutions & Law." Guided and instructed peers on course content and led a weekly discussion section.

» Research Assistant for Dr. Richard Norton, January 2018 - May 2018
Collaborated with research team members to study Great Lakes coastal dynamics and state-designated areas of concern and prepared a report for the State of Michigan's Office of the Great Lakes.

Abonmarche Consultants, Inc., South Bend, IN

» Planning Intern, May 2018 - August 2018
Engaged with civil engineering and architecture staff to apply land use regulations, design conceptual site plans, and draft report narratives for clients in Northwestern Indiana and Western Michigan.

Elkhart County Planning & Development, Goshen, IN

» Planner III, September 2014 - August 2017
Implemented land use policies of Elkhart County. Managed Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals cases from submittal to final action. Provided interpretive assistance to the public, units of government, and community groups. Performed Floodplain Administrator duties.

» Planning Intern, May 2014 - September 2014
Illustrated and designed Zoning Ordinance, researched and wrote development manual for the public, and facilitated public hearings.

Oaklawn Psychiatric Center, Goshen & Elkhart, IN

» Care Facilitator, April 2013 - November 2013
Provided bilingual case management services to children and their parents/caregivers.

Western Carolina Community Action, Head Start, Hendersonville, NC

» Home Base Visitor, February 2012 - March 2013
Provided weekly social services, education, and interpretation for a caseload of twelve families.

Goshen College, Goshen, IN

» Layout Editor, Goshen College Record, January 2010 - May 2010
Oversaw and instructed six layout staff and edited layout of newspaper as a whole.

» Maple Scholars Intern, Mural Painting, June 2010 - August 2010
Designed and painted 12' x 8' mural with Maple Scholars Program (selective scholarship intern program).

SKILLS & LEADERSHIP

Software Proficiencies: Adobe Design Programs (InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator), Microsoft Office
Languages: English, Spanish