

Experienced environmental and land use planner, policy analyst, and technical editor. Award-winning writer and skilled presenter specializing in translating codes, abstract concepts, and jargon into compelling narratives. Passionate advocate for evidence-based policy and equitable and sustainable communities.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Writer/Researcher/Editor

2006 - present

- **Research Assistant, Great Lakes Adaptive Management Committee, Lake Ontario - St. Lawrence River Resiliency Report:** Researching coastal management policy and resilience-related activities in New York communities affected by fluctuating water levels during the 2010s. (2024 - present)
- **2021 Research Fellow:** Analyzed the relationship between maintenance and the environment through [case studies](#) of three coastal communities with dynamic landforms such as dunes and beaches.
- **Freelance Writer:** *Planning, The (Planning) Commissioner*, and other publications (2008-present)
- **Co-author:** *The Green Roof Manual*, a leading technical [book](#) on green roof design, installation, and maintenance (2008-2010); a *Dwell* [book you need to read if you love design](#) (December 2014)
- **Staff Writer and Editor:** *Landscape Architecture* magazine (2006-2013)
- **Awards:** ASLA medal for excellence in writing (2010)

STV Inc. New York, NY

2022 - present

Senior Planner (part-time), Northeast Transportation and Infrastructure team

Review, edit, and write documents associated with environmental (NEPA, SEQRA, CEQR) and land use reviews of large infrastructure, development, and zoning projects at the federal, state, and local levels.

City of New York

City Planner

2014 - 2022

Department of Parks and Recreation (***family-related leave of absence in 2021**)

Senior Project Planner, Planning and Neighborhood Development (2019 - 2022)

- Collaborated with other Parks divisions, state and city agencies, developers, and neighborhoods to plan, build, and maintain public open space along the waterfront and throughout the city.
- Advocated for projects and represented Parks before elected officials and at public meetings.

Department of City Planning

City Planner | Land Use Review Editor, Land Use Review Division (2016 - 2019)

- Reviewed and approved public information about City Planning Commission decisions for clarity, accuracy, accessibility, and compliance with legal requirements.
- Created and implemented popular training program on planning communication and the land use review process; two of the five top-rated presentations on all subjects were mine.
- Organized, planned, and managed regular and special public meetings.

Department of Citywide Administrative Services

City Planning Consultant, Land Use and Planning Unit (2014 - 2016)

- Prepared and submitted land use applications, environmental analyses, and maps.

City of Douglas, Michigan

2020 - 2021

Planning Commissioner: Reviewed waterfront and planned unit developments in Lake Michigan coastal community, making detailed recommendations to City Council. Proposed updates to zoning ordinance and master plan to better protect sensitive lands. Represented commission on wayfinding, trails, and branding steering committee and led on associated public engagement.

EDUCATION

Hunter College, New York, NY: MUP (Honors)

Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA: JD (Member, State Bar of Michigan)

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI: BA in English (Honors)