

Andrew Parish

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Creative, resourceful, tech-savvy urbanist with skills in data analysis and communication seeking to leverage interests in sustainable development, GIS, and graphic design

Qualifications:

- Project management, public engagement, and interpersonal skills
- Land-use, zoning, urban design, and disaster planning experience
- Experience with data gathering and analysis in a planning context
- Proven ability to convey complex information visually and in writing
- Experience in local and international sustainability planning and policy
- Experience working with diverse communities to achieve common goals
- Skilled with Office, SPSS, ArcGIS 10, SketchUp, and Adobe Creative Suite

Education:

Master of Urban and Regional Planning, 2012
Nohad A. Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning
Portland State University, Portland OR

B.A., Political Science, 2006
University of California, San Diego CA
Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Provost's Honors

Experience:

Project Coordinator – Emergency Planning and Business Continuity, New Seasons Market, Portland OR (2012)

- Scoped and developed a project to create a comprehensive emergency plan for a local 2,000+ employee grocery chain
- Utilized best practices, vulnerability assessments, and applicable regulations to conduct a business impact analysis for many emergency scenarios
- Worked with internal and external stakeholders to draft, refine, and implement policies to improve company and community resiliency
- Developed materials and conducted trainings on emergency preparedness

Student Sustainability Consultant, Urban Planning and Design Institute of Shenzhen, Shenzhen China (2011)

- Assisted in the implementation of national sustainability objectives through review and revision of Shenzhen's municipal planning guidelines for urban renewal areas
- Engaged in cultural exchange through discussions of planning in Portland, OR with groups of Chinese students, planners, and urban designers
- Researched international precedents of sustainable development and evaluated their applicability to the City of Shenzhen

Graduate Research Assistant, Portland State University, Portland OR (2010-2011)

- Assisted with quantitative and qualitative research concerning the effects of recent voter initiatives upon Oregon's land-use system
- Collected and analyzed data from the US Census, Agricultural Census, local media, and municipal government

Intern, Planning Department, City of Escondido CA (2008-2009)

- Researched cost-efficient sustainable technologies and practices, AB32 litigation and compliance, and potential funding sources for energy-saving improvements
- Assisted in the formation of an inter-departmental "Green Team" to address sustainability issues in municipal operations
- Drafted copy for the City's website regarding smart growth, greenhouse gas emissions, and the General Plan update process

Projects:

On Solid Ground: Community Disaster Preparedness in North and Northeast Portland

- Project manager of a team of students in the PSU Planning Workshop
- Produced community asset and vulnerability maps and a directory of organizations active after a disaster for NECN, the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management, Portland Fire, and other agencies
- Engaged in community outreach, asset mapping, and building of social capital around the theme of disaster preparedness
- Drafted, tested, administered, and analyzed an online survey
- Prepared print documents, websites, presentations, and a social media campaign for a variety of audiences

The Green Block: Reconceptualizing SE 6th & Salmon

- Proposed an innovative development in the Eastside Industrial District to take advantage of the streetcar's development potential
- Analyzed the zoning, environmental, and social constraints on the site
- Created visualizations using Google SketchUp and Adobe Creative Suite
- Presented findings to a team of planners, designers, and real estate professionals

Active Transportation in East Portland

- Analyzed attitudes toward active transportation in East Portland through a partnership between PSU and the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) in order to inform and prioritize transportation investments in the area
- Conducted one-on-one interviews and focus groups with diverse populations
- Coded and analyzed the results of a mailed survey

Additional Responsibilities:

- Policy Researcher, Maul Foster Alongi (2012)
- Media Assistant, Sustainable Transportation Council (2012)
- Grant Writer / Event Coordinator, Depave (2012)
- Student Representative, MURP Executive Committee (2012)
- Member, MURP Admissions Committee (2012)
- Chair, PSU Planning Club (2010-2011)