

Application Form

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Please Agree with the Following Statement

I have read the disclaimer above and understand my application is subject to Florida's Public Records Law.

☐ I Agree

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Occupation

Education:

University of Florida, School of Natural Resources and Environment. PhD candidate in Interdisciplinary Ecology concentrating in Urban and Regional Planning. 08/17-present Yale School for the Environment. Master of Environmental Management concentrating in Human Dimensions. 08/13-05/15. University of Connecticut. Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources concentrating in Environmental Conservation. 08/11-05/13. Gateway Community College. Associate of Arts in Liberal Sciences. 08/09-05/11.

Professional Organizations:

Society for Conservation Biology. 04/20-present Global Ecotourism Network. 03/19-present International Union for Conservation of Nature World Commission on Protected Areas Tourism and Protected Areas Specialist group. 05/17-present

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Land Conservation Board: Submitted

Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee: Submitted

What position(s) are you applying for?

Citizen at large

Interests & Experiences

Are you currently serving or have you ever served on an Alachua County advisory board?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list board(s):

Please list any civic and professional accomplishments/honors, training or experience related to this appointment:

SUMMARY: Veteran, University of Florida PhD student (in the Recreation and Ecotourism Lab), and local permanent resident with an extensive background in natural resource management, environmental planning, ecotourism research and outdoor recreation hobbies. PROJECTS & CONSULTING: Survey and analysis support for Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Wildlife Management Area visitor study, 2020-present; Co-PI for Pinellas County Extension Service and Sustainable Tourism Partnerships initiative, 2017-2019; Ecotourism Development Consultancy with U.S. Department of State and Russia - "Improving Bridging USA and Russia Through Ecotourism & Natural Treasures Stewardship: Ecotourism Development Research Results, Krasnodar Territory and the Caucasian State Biosphere Reserve; Nairobi National Park Situation Assessment, in collaboration with Kenya Wildlife Service. HONORS: 2019-2020 Florida Museum of Natural History Biodiversity Institute Fellow. 2016 Leitner Family Fund at Yale School of the Environment Fellowship Award. 2014 National Garden Club Scholarship recipient. 2014 Berkley Conservation Scholarship. 2013, 2014 Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut Scholarship recipient. RELEVANT TRAINING & EXPERIENCE - Formally trained in mediation, facilitation, and conflict management - Environmental non-profit event fundraising and capacity building - Municipal contract for green infrastructure surveying (bioswales) - Urban wildlife habitat gardening (National Wildlife Federation) and "yards for birds" design and installation (Audubon) - Urban tree planting and management - Advocacy and lobbying for environmental policy - Environmental/sustainability campaign design and implementation - Renewable energy campaigning. Veteran of the United States Coast Guard, serving 3 years as an Information Technician in Cape Cod, Massachusetts and one year as a seaman on an ice-breaking vessel in the New York harbor.

What Contributions do you feel you could make if you were selected to this board?

If selected to the Land Conservation Board and Open Space and Advisory Committee, I would contribute: Passion and long history of global (and local) travel for nature-based tourism and outdoor recreation; Science-based knowledge and insight on topics of land tenure, property rights, protected area management, outdoor recreation participation, habitat and landscape assessments; Growing network with local and national natural resource agencies and organizations; Strong biodiversity conservation ethics; Understanding and ability to navigate local environmental laws and regulations, zoning, and land use; Active participation in monthly meetings; willingness to facilitate community participation; Support with research and knowledge development; Advanced capabilities for public communication and participation.

Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

Ethnicity

☐ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Male

07/10/1985

Date of Birth

Are you over the age of 60? (Required for some boards)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you a resident of Alachua County?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If you are an Alachua County resident, how long have you lived in the county?

3.3 years

Supplemental Questions

Some of the boards and committees appointed by the County Commission are required to comply with Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, the Financial Disclosure Law. If applicable, would you be willing to file the required financial statement?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Do you affirm that your personal and business (if applicable) affairs within Alachua County are in substantial compliance with all county regulatory and taxing authorities rules and regulations?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please Agree with the Following Statement

Appointees to advisory board/committees are required to attend scheduled meetings as specified in the "Guidelines for Citizen Advisory Boards and Committees".

☒ I Agree

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I understand that this completed application is the property of Alachua County and I hereby certify that the statements made on this application are true and correct.

☐ I Agree