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Professional Experience

City of Richland, WA **Redevelopment Project Manager** **October 2016 - Present**

- Curate business and physical development of Richland's core business district, with responsibility to market, expand, and induce entrepreneurial opportunities in downtown
- Serve as liaison to the City's two Business Improvement Districts, providing technical assistance in the production of long-term work plans, budgets, and physical redevelopment
- Market City-owned industrial, manufacturing, and urban mixed-use property holdings to public and private development, serving as the key point-of-contact in implementing the City's corridor plans in collaboration with private development

Community Planning Resources **Co-Founder** **January 2016 – Present (inactive)**

- Joint collaboration developed for University of Illinois entrepreneurship program to consult with local governments, businesses, and non-profits in the execution of private/public development partnerships
- Service primarily to small businesses to develop programs to incentivize private support for public programs, such as public bike shares, co-working spaces, and wellness programs

City of Urbana, IL **Economic Development Specialist** **September 2014 – December 2015**

- Administer Business Grants, Tax Increment Financing Program, and Enterprise Zone
- Liaison to business community, responsible for providing information on City programs and initiatives
- Provide analytics to substantiate cases for property tax assessments and abatements

N•Focus Planning & Design **Planner III** **May 2013 – May 2014**

- Planning, Zoning, and Subdivision Administrator in multiple North Carolina Municipalities; including: Town of Rockwell, Town of Midland (Deputy), and Town of Marshville (Interim)
- Special Projects Coordinator to over 40 client municipalities, counties, and regional agencies. Experience in small area plan design and implementation, analytical GIS mapping analyses, and comprehensive municipal and infrastructural plans

Plexus Marketing Group **Marketing Consultant** **January 2011 – September 2016**

- Analyze market satisfaction with client's products and services, focusing on customer retention and growth
- Identify partners, product viability, and location based marketing analyses
- Categorize potential customers and respective buying authority to expand product sales

Education and Specialization

University of Illinois **Master of Urban and Regional Planning** **Conferred May 2016**
Specialization in Economic Development

**University of North Carolina
at Charlotte** **Bachelor of Arts
in Architecture and Geography** **Conferred May 2013**
Specialization in Urban Studies

- Certifications in Zoning, Planning, and Floodplain Management from the NC State School of Government
- Six years combined experience in Urban Design and Economic Development with technical knowledge of AutoCAD, SPSS, ArcGIS, Rhino3D, SketchUp, Grasshopper Parametric, and several others.