

Application for Membership
City Boards/Commissions/Committees
City of Ann Arbor, Michigan

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Ann Arbor Resident: YES NO Number of Years Resident 25 Ward 5

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Occupation teacher

Employer Name & Address Dexter Community Schools
3060 Kensington, Dexter, MI 48130 ZIP _____

Board/Commission/Committee on which you are interested in serving:

- 1) HRWC Board
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

Reasons for Seeking Appointment (Areas of Interest, Goals, etc.):

Lifelong interest in biological issues, lifelong enjoyment of the outdoors,
long-time volunteer working to improve the health of our
local ecosystems

Please submit a résumé including your job experience and education along with this application or a detailed letter of intent delineating relevant qualifications.

DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

In order to avoid any potential conflict of interest, I, the undersigned, agree not to be involved in any recommendations or decision making regarding any agency(ies) or entity(ies) for which I serve in the following capacity(ies) which may contract or subcontract with the City of Ann Arbor.

Agency
Pioneer Rowing Club

Capacity in Which I Serve
parent/member at large on Board

Signature Cheryl Darnton Date 12/21/09

Cheryl Darnton, Interested in serving on the Board of Huron River Watershed Council
601 Eberwhite, Ann Arbor 48103

- Trained through N.A.P. as a workday leader; led workdays at Bandemer in March, April & November 2009
- Live on Lake Charlevoix (Oyster Bay) every summer, participated in the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council's volunteer phragmites identification in 2009
- Middle School teacher in Dexter since 2001 (science, English, social studies)
- 2004- Wrote grant for and attended Galerucella rearing workshop at Gallup Park for a Dexter High School student (former 7th grade student)
- 2002-Developed elective 9-week class that is taught each fall & spring quarter at Mill Creek Middle School called Ecological Restoration in which young adolescents remove invasives, collect native seeds, identify dozens of plant species and develop a sense of place in their schoolyard/campus area
- 2002- Started a school-wide recycling program at Mill Creek Middle School, which grew into my acting as volunteer recycling coordinator for most buildings in the Dexter district
- 2002- With students built a wet meadow at Mill Creek Middle School to manage run-off from the baseball fields
- Active volunteer in restoration of Eberwhite Woods since 1995
- Started Eberwhite Woods Forestry Club for elementary students at lunch recess; hosted it from 1998-2000
- Trained through N.A.P. in prescribed burns; participated in burns in 2001
- Chair of Eberwhite Woods Committee for 2 years in late '90s
- Participated in the early development of the Huron River Watershed Volunteer Stewardship Network in late 1990s
- 2000- Wrote grants for over \$2000 and organized 75 fourth graders (and parent volunteers) to build retaining walls to save oak trees at Eberwhite School
- 1999- earned MA Ed. in Curriculum and teaching from Michigan State University
- 1989- earned BA in history from University of Michigan, plus additional teaching certification K-8
- Have sailed in the Great Lakes, especially in the North Channel in Ontario, for several weeks every summer since 1984

Personal Statement

I believe human beings benefit from contact with the natural world. Young people, especially, need to develop a bond with the earth, a sense of place, in order to grow to be healthy adults who care enough about the planet to treat it with reverence. Humans, out of ignorance and greed, have done damage to the earth. As an educator it is my role to help young people find their role as environmentalists by giving them opportunities to focus their efforts to help restore the native flora of their local areas. Empowering people to make a difference is the force that prevents many from becoming numb to the harsh realities that face our ecosystems.

Persons who may be contacted as references:

Jami Bronson (Principal, Mill Creek Middle School, Dexter)
David Borneman (NAP)
Jason Frenzel (NAP)
Jason Talent (NAP)
Lisa Brush (Stewardship Network)
Ray Fahlsing (DNR stewardship program manager)

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