

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

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

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| 1) <u>Huron River Watershed Council</u> | 3) <u>Natural Features Ordinance Committee</u> |
| 2) <u>Environmental Commission</u> | 4) <u>Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee</u> |

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

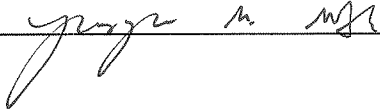
Please See attached Letter of Intent and Resume.

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	Capacity in Which I Serve
<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
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Signature  Date 12/05/2012

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Re: Application for Membership, City Council Boards, Commissions, Committees

Dear City of Ann Arbor,

My name is Benjamin Muth and I am motivated, qualified, and available to sit on a City of Ann Arbor city council board, commission, or committee. In my academic and professional career I focus on the intersection between environmental science and policy. This training gives me the ability and skills to serve the residents of Ann Arbor as a board committee member in one of several seats.

My professional and academic qualifications are listed in depth on my attached resume, but some immediate qualifications include:

- Andrew S. Muth, P.C., Attorney – current
- Vermont Law School, graduate *Cum Laude*, 2012, focus on Water Law
- The Huron River Watershed Council, Legal Research, Summer 2011
- Vermont Law School's Water and Justice Program Fellow, 2012
- Published Author – Michigan Journal of Environmental Law, Winter 2012 Issue

I have spent the majority of my life in Ann Arbor. Born here in 1985, I attended Pioneer High School, class of 2003. I received my undergraduate and legal education outside of the State. I then returned to my roots in order to improve *my city*; Ann Arbor.

I have served the public through many avenues in my life; pro bono legal services to at-need families, volunteer legal services to the Huron River Watershed Council, serving as a “big brother” through Big Brothers Big Sisters, building homes through Habitat for Humanity, and aid trips to natural disaster areas globally through the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor.

My environmental law training, skills, and dedication to serving the public make me an excellent candidate to sit in one of the following capacities:

- **Huron River Watershed Council**
- **Environmental Commission**
- **Natural Features Ordinance Committee**
- **Planning Commission**
- **Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee**

- **Ann Arbor Energy Commission**


My skills also make me an excellent candidate to sit in one of the following capacities:

- Ann Arbor Commission on Art in Public Places
- City Market Commission
- Community Development Citizen Committee
- Historic District Commission
- Housing Board of Appeals
- Housing Commission
- Housing Policy Board
- Human Rights Commission
- Individual Historic Properties Study Committee
- Recreation Advisory Commission
- Sign Board of Appeals
- Transportation Task Force
- Zoning Board of Appeals

My training as an environmental law advocate makes me an excellent candidate to sit on an environmental commission. My legal and professional skills also make me an excellent candidate to sit on any of the other above named commissions and committees.

A sitting member of an Ann Arbor City Council committee must exercise patience and diligence. A committee member is a servant of the City and its residents; an individual designated to exercise the utmost judgment and moral character. I look forward to serving Ann Arbor in that role.

Very Truly Yours



Benjamin Maier Muth

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Summary of Qualifications

I am a member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan, whose education and training focused on environmental and water law. I am a prolific public service worker with years of experience serving others. My strong desire to help the public, coupled with my impressive educational and professional background, make me an excellent candidate for an Ann Arbor City Council committee assignment.

Education

2009 – 2012, Vermont Law School **South Royalton, VT**

- Graduate, May 2012, *Cum Laude*
- 2011-2012 Web Editor, Vermont Journal of Environmental Law
- Fall, 2011 Writing Professor to First-Year Students

2009- 2012, Vermont Law School, Extra-Curricular Activities

- Trial Advocacy Moot Court Team
- 2012 Student Clinician, South Royalton Legal Clinic
- Published Author, Michigan Environmental Law Journal
 - Vol. 20, No. 2, Winter 2012, Issue 86; *An Urban Agriculture Permit System for Detroit's Vacant Land*
- Water and Justice Program Research Fellow
- Tax Specialist, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

2004 –2009, Arizona State University **Tempe, AZ**

- B.A., Print Journalism, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication, *Cum Laude*
- B.A., Anthropology, The School of Human Evolution and Social Change, *Cum Laude*

Work

2010 – Current, Andrew S. Muth P.C. **Ypsilanti, MI**
Associate Attorney

- Serve our clients' needs through efficient, respectful, aggressive legal representation
- Provide *Pro Bono* services to Washtenaw County residents

Summer 2011, the Huron River Watershed Council **Ann Arbor, MI**
Legal Research Associate

- Legal Research Volunteer

2008 - 2009; The Office Of The Arizona Attorney General **Phoenix, AZ**
Executive Office Associate

- Create Environmental Education content for azag.gov
- Community Service Programs coordinator

Community Involvement

- South Royalton Legal Clinic
 - Provide *pro bono* legal assistance to Vermont residents who could not afford representation
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona
 - Was a Big Brother to a young man in Phoenix, Arizona
- First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor
 - Community aid trips to; Peru, Mexico, North Carolina, Chicago, and Toronto.
- Habitat for Humanity volunteer
 - Assist in building homes
- Tax Specialist, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, Vermont
 - Prepare tax returns for local community residents
- Freshwater Working Group at Vermont Law School
 - Prepare lecture series and community outreach for Water issues