

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

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Occupation: Watershed Planner

Employer Name & Address: Huron River Watershed Council  
1100 N. Main Street, Suite 210 ZIP: 48104

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

1) North Main Task Force

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

The Huron River figures prominently into the geography and aesthetic of the North Main Corridor as a key natural asset to highlight and celebrate and to protect from further degradation caused by our activities in the urban environment. As a representative of the HRWC, I bring to the North Main Corridor conservation a thorough understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing the Huron River from policy and science perspectives. Moreover, Ann Arbor is one of four Trail Towns on the Huron River Water Trail -- along with Milford, Dexter and Flat Rock -- and the hub of RiverUp!, a Huron River renaissance to turn our communities toward the river to transform the Huron River corridor into a premier destination in Michigan and the Great Lakes. I am excited about the potential for supporting City staff in creating an entry to the City that's worthy of this community and is consistent with the image promoted in the Pure Michigan campaign.

**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

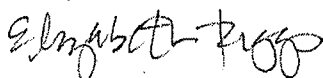
In order to avoid any potential conflict of interest, I, the undersigned, agree not to be involved in any recommendations or decision making regarding any agency(ies) or entity(ies) for which I serve in the following capacity(ies) which may contract or subcontract with the City of Ann Arbor.

**Agency**

**Capacity in Which I Serve**

I am not aware of any conflicts of interest.

**Signature**



**Date** 5 June 2012



## Summary of Qualifications

- Fifteen years of experience in environmental program development and management
- Strong interpersonal skills with extensive experience in intergovernmental cooperation, coalition building, and constituent relations at national, state and local levels
- Excellent communications skills including writing, public speaking, and media relations
- Effective fund raiser and grant and proposal writer

## Professional Experience

### *1999 -Present* **Watershed Planner, Huron River Watershed Council, Ann Arbor**

Manage watershed planning and protection programs including model ordinances and other policy tools for natural features protection, technical assistance to local governments, stream monitoring and restoration projects. Perform all aspects of program management including securing funds, reporting and evaluating, supervising, public speaking, and event and community organizing. Frequent presenter at professional workshops and conferences, and guest lecturer for university courses in watershed management planning, aquatic ecology and restoration ecology.

#### Current programs and projects

- Huron River Water Trail ([www.huronriverwatertrail.org](http://www.huronriverwatertrail.org))
- RiverUp! ([www.riveruphuron.org](http://www.riveruphuron.org))
- Making Climate-Resilient Communities through a Watershed Approach
- Failing Septic Systems Detection and Rectification through Remote Imaging

#### Past projects (partial list)

- Facilitated effective initiatives with 36 municipal, business, and university partners to meet federal Clean Water Act requirements for nutrient and pathogens TMDLs and stormwater
- Authored three EPA-approved Watershed Management Plans
- Initiated selective small dam removal efforts for river restoration
- Facilitated development and adoption of state legislation for phosphorus lawn fertilizer restrictions
- Authored model ordinance for riparian buffers
- Facilitated and served as main author of local case studies on Transfer of Development Rights

#### Appointments

- Finance Committee, Huron River Watershed Council, 2006-2012.
- Grant Review Panel Member for Cooperative Institute for Coastal and Estuarine Environmental Technology, 2007. University of New Hampshire.
- Committee Member for Critical Evaluation and Refinement of Bacterial TMDLs in Urban/Mixed Use Areas. Water Environment Research Foundation, 2004. Washington, D.C.

Member, American Water Resources Association, Member, 2006-current

# Elizabeth Riggs



**1998 - 1999 Environmental Careers Organization Associate, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ann Arbor**  
Assisted the President's Council on Sustainable Development in creating and promoting a suite of visioning tools for sustainable community design and planning; as part of team, developed and implemented national air quality initiative to provide state and local audiences with access to critical information regarding incentive-based transportation programs

**1997 - 1998 Graduate Research Assistant, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**  
Contributed to faculty research project on collaborative problem-solving in ecosystem management initiatives on public lands through reviewing, editing, and formatting case vignettes for publication; performed case study research, analysis and documentation, and writing for a policy audience

## Education

**The University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, School of Natural Resources & Environment**  
Master of Science, Resource Policy and Behavior (Conservation Biology and Ecosystem Management), 1999

**Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin**  
Bachelor of Arts, English and Environmental Studies, 1993

**The Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois**  
Humanities Research Fellow, Fall 1992

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