

Elisa Dawson

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Work Experience

Snohomish County Surface Water Management. Everett, WA.

Planner. July 2016 - Present.

Senior Planner June 2017 -December 2017, Nov 2019 - Present

- Work collaboratively to develop restoration solutions with local, state, and regional partners and to ensure projects fit within strategic plans.
- Provide information and guidance to citizens regarding environmental processes and related best management practices.
- Implement public involvement and information processes; staff and support county boards and committees; participate in county planning processes.
- Ensure project reviews are efficient and effective by managing timely schedules and meeting requirements consistent with county code.

City of Rogue River. Rogue River, OR.

Planning Assistant. September 2015 - July 2016.

- Prepared staff reports and gave oral presentations to the City Council and Planning Commission pertaining to various community development projects.
- Conducted research, analysis and evaluation on city zoning projects and prepared related presentation materials including maps, graphics and reports.
- Gathered GPS data for city infrastructure and buildable lands inventory.
- Managed TMDL and MS4 programs and assured compliance with standards.
- Designed, coordinated, and conducted public meetings of varying scales, including preparing meeting materials, making presentations, and follow-up.

Purgatoire Watershed Partnership. Trinidad, CO.

Outreach and Project Coordinator. AmeriCorps VISTA. July 2014 - July 2015.

- Wrote, budgeted, and implemented state, federal, and foundation grants.
- Designed and executed resource planning and public engagement large documents such as the Purgatoire River Watershed Plan, Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and City of Trinidad Source Water Protection Plan.
- Conducted GIS analysis (ArcMap) and managed large database information.
- Created and effectuated an education program for schools on their local watershed, natural resources, and environmental careers.

King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks. Seattle, WA.

Community Services and Environmental Planning Outreach. June 2012 -June 2014.

- Supported outreach and communication on natural resources and county programs to diverse communities with a focus on equitable engagement.
- Led educational workshops and tours of county infrastructure for community members and students 4th-12th grade.
- Produced environmental outreach materials such as technical flyers, native plant guides, and education kits that comply with educational standards.
- Developed and promoted green infrastructure programs and implementation.

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center. Bellevue, WA.

Environmental Science Teacher, Summer Camps. June 2013 - August 2013.

- Ensured a pleasurable experience for students aged 2nd-8th grade through awareness and sensitivity to different perspectives, attitudes and beliefs.
- Inspired environmental stewardship through participant-focused teaching.
- Facilitated outdoor activities, games, and group discussions on conservation.
- Assisted in program improvement by expanding and adapting curriculum to best fit the intended audience.

Education

Oregon State University

Water Conflict Management and Transformation Graduate Certificate

Master of Natural Resources

University of Washington

GPA: 3.8 *Magna Cum Laude*

BA: Geography

BA: Community, Environment, and Planning

Minor: Global Health

Certificates

National Geographic: Facilitating Learning through Outdoor Watershed Education Certificate

Wilderness First Aid Certificate

Leave No Trace Trainer Certificate

Professional and Community Groups

Forterra Green Everett Partnership

Lead Forest Steward

The Mountaineers

Stewardship and Hike Leader

American Water Resource Association

Member

Society for Ecological Restoration

Member

Professional Skills

- Group Facilitation
- Partnerships and Communication
- Program Development and Management
- Program Budgeting
- Ecological Restoration
- Grant Writing and Implementation
- Public Speaking
- Education and Outreach
- Land Use and Code Implementation