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## Position with Firm

2026–present **Director, Environment and Natural Resources.** Works with colleagues and clients to develop policy solutions for Michigan’s environment, infrastructure, and natural resources. Provides strategic and operational leadership to advance the Great Lakes Fisheries Trust’s mission to enhance, protect, and rehabilitate Great Lakes fishery resources.

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## Previous Professional Experience

- 2023–2026 **Division Chief, Finance and Operations Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources,** Lansing, Michigan. Responsible for the department’s budget and financial service operations, which included audit activities, grants management, procurement, real estate, and oil, mineral, and gas leasing programs. Provided strategic guidance and recommendations to the executive office and leadership, served on the department’s management team, and represented the department on the Michigan Infrastructure Council.
- 2021–2023 **Assistant Division Chief, Finance and Operations Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources,** Lansing, Michigan. Directed programmatic and staffing operations for department business areas including statewide facilities, grant programs, real estate, and oil, mineral, and gas leasing programs. Established and spearheaded the Michigan Spark Grant program to equitably distribute federal funds to create, renovate, and redevelop public recreation spaces in communities hardest hit by COVID-19 and with limited capacity.
- 2018–2021 **Grants Section Manager, Finance and Operations Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources,** Lansing, Michigan. Supervised ten public-facing state and federal grant programs focusing on land acquisition, recreational development, wildlife and fisheries habitat improvements, and combatting invasive species. Acted as the department’s liaison to the governor-appointed Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board. Coordinated strategic and leveraged investments with philanthropy, other governmental agencies, and nonprofit partners to expand public access and amenities along the Detroit riverfront.
- 2015–2018 **Facilities Operations and Support Section Manager, Finance and Operations Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources,** Lansing, Michigan. In charge of statewide facilities management, internal and external customer service, and overall field operations across the department’s 13 customer service centers.

Served as the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator. Received a special reassignment role in 2016 as Assistant to the Director at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in response to the Flint water crisis.

2003–2015 **Capital Outlay Program Manager**, *Parks and Recreation Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources*, Lansing, Michigan. Directed statewide capital outlay planning, budgeting, and construction project management across the state park system. Served as a primary implementation lead for Belle Isle Park in Detroit becoming a state park with responsibility for overall infrastructure assessments, capital planning, and representing the department on the Belle Isle Conservancy Board.

Education Michigan State University, BA in Landscape Architecture

Conservation Leaders for Tomorrow alumnus, 2016

Great Lakes Leadership Academy Emerging Leaders alumnus, 2011

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## Awards

- Michigan Recreation and Parks Association’s Commitment to Excellence Award, 2022
- American Institute of Architects Sustainable Honor Award, Grand Haven Toilet/Shower Building, 2008
- Michigan Recreation and Parks Association’s Innovative Park Resources Award, Green Initiatives Team, 2007
- Department of Natural Resources Director’s Award, Marketing Innovations Team, 2006