

# HEIDI BONNAFFON

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## EXPERIENCE

### **Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG)**

Washington, DC — *Environmental Planner*

8/2005-Present

Provide technical support and policy recommendations, concerning the Chesapeake Bay water quality, to local government elected officials and water utilities serving on COG's Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee. Provide analysis, and recommendations about local water quality, stormwater, and water infrastructure. Track state and federal legislation, regulations, and policy actions. Facilitate the exchange of ideas and information between local governments.

Manage the Community Engagement Campaign project. Collaborate on messaging and public outreach with public information officers and consultants, and manage contracts and staff on a budget of \$158,000. Oversee advertisements, social media and other public outreach for two core campaigns.

### **University of Wisconsin Dept. of Zoology**

Madison, WI — *Teaching Assistant*

September 2002 – May 2004

Led four semesters of Advanced Biology discussions and labs, and supervised the development of term papers and graded them for approximately 350 undergraduate students.

### **National Assoc. of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)**

Washington, DC — *Program Associate*

January 2000 - July 2002

Managed grant funding and provided technical assistance to public health officials via NACCHO's public health Hazardous Waste Grant Program. Researched and wrote updates to NACCHO's guidebook for this project, *Pulling Together: A Guide to Building Interagency Collaboration at Hazardous Waste Sites*.

Experienced reorganization and worked in a team environment.

Organized and facilitated three environmental health trainings for public health officials to help improve community participation in health assessments.

Partnered with two advisory committees and with federal project

## STRENGTHS

- Project management
- Written and oral communication
- Interpersonal relations
- Policy tracking and advocacy
- Experienced with committees and guiding group decision-making

officers on public health issues including Superfund sites and land use planning projects.

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### EXPERIENCE

#### **Peace Corps**

Senegal, West Africa — *Volunteer*

March 1997-June 1999

Collaborated with elementary school teachers, providing technical content to integrate lessons about water sanitation, soil conservation, and tree planting into their curricula.

Rewrote Peace Corps' Environmental Education Strategic Plan for Senegal, updating strategic goals and objectives to improve project approaches.

Immersed myself in Senegalese village culture for two years, while speaking French and Puular.

### EDUCATION

#### **Master of Science, Conservation Biology and Sustainable Development**

University of Wisconsin-Madison

September 2002 - December 2004

#### **Bachelor of Science, Zoology**

University of Wisconsin-Madison

September 1991-May 1995