

Curriculum Vita
KAREN JOUETTE BASSLER

Professional Profile

Knowledgeable, talented self-starter with experience in many different work environments. Combines ability to see the big picture with tactical skills to develop and implement plans to achieve the vision. Skilled, perceptive consultant on organizational development and governance. Able to identify and implement systems to improve efficiency and track data accurately. Familiarity with a wide range of funding programs, public and private, and many years' experience in successful grant writing. Exceptionally quick learner, able to rapidly identify and pick up appropriate skills and understanding for the project at hand. Experienced in managing staff and interdisciplinary teams, including coalitions of government agencies and non-profit organizations. Excellent communication skills.

“The pleasure of [her] humor, critical perspective and enthusiasm will be anticipated!” ~
David Wernecke, Executive Director, Baraboo Range Preservation Association

Work Experience

Wetland Threats Analysis Coordinator, Wisconsin Wetlands Association

Madison, WI ~ 2008 (LTE position)

Facilitate status assessment and threats identification for wetland communities in Wisconsin.

Key Responsibilities:

- ✓ Recruit regional and statewide wetland experts
- ✓ Facilitate planning meetings around the state
- ✓ Gather and analyze data in customized database

Program Director, Gathering Waters Conservancy Madison, WI ~ 2001 to 2008

Develop and implement educational programs for non-profit conservation organizations and private landowners to increase quality and scope of natural resource conservation work.

Key Responsibilities:

- ✓ Organizational development and Board leadership consultation
- ✓ Strategic planning facilitation
- ✓ Public-private partnership development
- ✓ Funding research, application and reporting
- ✓ Write educational and informational materials for variety of audiences

Writer/Coordinator, The Biodiversity Project Madison, WI ~ 2000 (contract consultant)

Project manager for development of “Getting on Message: Making the Biodiversity-Sprawl Connection” outreach and message kit.

Key Responsibilities:

- ✓ Recruit national review committee and contributing authors
- ✓ Coordinate review team work and edit authors' contributed pieces
- ✓ Research and write original text

Conservation Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy Madison, WI ~ 1997 to 2001

Manage land protection transactions process. Write technical and outreach pieces regarding the Conservancy's conservation planning work.

Key Responsibilities:

- ✓ Liaison with state, regional and national offices regarding land transactions
- ✓ Maintain conservation database
- ✓ Public grants application
- ✓ Create and manage Access database for statewide conservation planning work.

Education

M.A. Biological Anthropology, **University Of Wisconsin – Madison**, May, 1994

Graduate level studies, Biological Anthropology, **University Of Chicago**, 1990 - 1991

B.A. Anthropology and Archaeology, **Beloit College**, December, 1988

Publications

2007 Board Member, Volume 16 #5, Sept/Oct 2007
“Missing in Action” - Case Study guest columnist

2007 Natural Areas Journal, Volume 27 #2, April 2007
Book Review: *Reconstructing Conservation: Finding Common Ground*

2003 The Land Use Tracker Vol. 3 Issue 1
“Engaging Local Citizens: A Smart Growth Workshop Overview”

2000 Getting on Message: Making the Biodiversity-Sprawl Connection
The Biodiversity Project media kit – editor and contributor