777 Columbus Avenue, Suite 5-A, Lebanon, Ohio 45036 (513)932-6836 wendi.vanburen@dnr.state.oh.us

Wendi Van Buren

Objective

Provide community officials and allied agencies with the organizational and technical ability to effectively manage the trees along streets, within parks, and on public grounds.

Experience

2003-Present ODNR Division of Forestry Lebanon, Ohio

Urban Forester

- Direct one-on-one assistance encouraging, enhancing, and expanding local tree care programs within participating communities
- Administer urban forestry grant program for Ohio communities, when available
- Information facilitation through annual urban forestry conferences for local community officials and interested citizens and Tree Commission Academy
- Help communities prepare for, avoid, or deal with urban forest threats and pressures that would adversely affect their urban forest resource.

2001-2003 ACRT, Inc. Cincinnati, Ohio

Urban Forestry Technician

- Supported Cincinnati City Foresters on management of tree program in 51 neighborhoods
- Small tree pruning, inspecting tree sites, small tree removal, emergency tree work, inspecting hazard trees, mulching, spraying, and planting tree in the city right-of ways
- Organizaed ReLeaf Program – City program distributing free trees to city residents for private property.

1999-2000 TreePeople Beverly Hills, California

Membership Services Associate

- Served the needs of the non-profit's 15,000 members through events, newsletters, and programs
- Fruit Tree Program, Cool School Program, Tree Care Events, Tree Planting Events
- Assisted in training volunteers and organizing tree plantings

1996 Stratford Ecological Center Delaware, Ohio

Environmental Educator

- Taught nature programs to school-aged children
- Assisted in daily activities of an educational, working farm
- Care of chickens, cows, goats, pigs, and horses.

1995-1996 Scott Arboretum Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Education Intern

- Organized and promoted horticultural programs and seminars for Swarthmore College's arboretum
- Managed volunteer program
- Horticultural Library

1994 Longwood Gardens Kennett Sq, Pennsylvania

Horticultural Intern

- Greenhouse production of container plants for display gardens
- Topiary garden, bonsai, orchids, display gardens, Mum Festival
- Participated in student training programs and field trips.

777 Columbus Avenue, Suite 5-A, Lebanon, Ohio 45036 (513)932-6836 wendi.vanburen@dnr.state.oh.us

Wendi Van Buren

Education

1991-1995 Ohio University Athens, Ohio

Bachelor of Science, Environmental & Plant Biology

- Graduated Cum Laude
- Anthropology Minor
- Student Employment included Botany Lab TA, Greenhouse, and Herbarium

Professional Certifications and Memberships

International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist, 2002-Present

International Society of Arboriculture Municipal Specialist, 2009-Present

Memberships: International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) and Society of Municipal Arborists (SMA)

References

References are available on request.