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Office of the Mayor  
Mike Pantelides, Mayor  
160 Duke of Gloucester Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401-2517

To: Alderpersons, City Of Annapolis

From: Mayor Mike Pantelides

Re: Environmental Commission

Pending your approval, I would like to appoint **John Turgeon** to the **Environmental Commission**. Mr. **Turgeon** is a resident of the city, residing in **Ward 4** , and this appointment fills a vacancy on the Board. His resume is attached.

**John Turgeon**  
**1038 Spa Road**  
**Annapolis, MD**

Thank You,

*Michael Pantelides*

Mike Pantelides  
Mayor

Reviewed by: <u>Environmental matters</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Favorable	<input type="checkbox"/> Unfavorable
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Committee Chair	Date

## JOHN TURGEON

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### Professional Experience

MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST, Crownsville, Maryland

2014 – Present

#### Conservation Easement Program Manager

- Responsible for managing MET's statewide conservation easement program and supervising a staff of two regional easement planners. Supervised one graduate student intern for one academic year. MET is Maryland's statewide land trust. It is a unit of the Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources, but is governed by an independent Board of Trustees.
- Develop budget for easement program, and coordinate personnel issues with the Director as part of MET's management team.
- Organize and present easement program recommendations for review by MET's Board of Trustees and the Maryland Board of Public Works. Coordinate with MET's Stewardship Program Manager to assess the stewardship implications of new easement projects.
- Serve as the regional easement planner for southern Maryland (seven counties) to:
  - (1) proactively solicit donations of conservation easements from landowners; (2) coordinate with local land trust staff regarding co-held easement projects;
  - (3) negotiate, plan, and draft conservation easements in consultation with landowners and their representatives and in coordination with Assistant Attorney General staff;
  - (4) assist with monitoring easement properties in region, as necessary; and
  - (5) represent MET regionally and statewide through presentations, conferences, and meetings.

\*\*\*\*From March 2, 2015 to September 2, 2015 served as Acting Director of MET responsible for overseeing MET's statewide easement, stewardship, and local land trust assistance programs, and supervising a staff of eleven.

\*\*\*\*Currently working with MET Board and stakeholders from the Maryland conservation community to identify statewide land conservation priorities for MET.

WILLISTOWN CONSERVATION TRUST, INC., Newtown Square, Pennsylvania

2004 - 2014

Director of Land Protection and Public Grants 2010 – 2014

Associate Director of Land Protection 2004 – 2010

- Oversaw the completion of land conservation projects, with an emphasis on the cultivation, negotiation, planning, and writing of conservation easements to be donated to the Trust, which is a non-profit land trust located in southeastern PA. Managed the completion of 19 conservation easement transactions resulting in the permanent conservation of over 400 acres of land within the Trust's program area.
- Secured grants from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the County of Chester totaling more than \$4,900,000 toward the Trust's purchases of over 150 acres of publicly accessible conservation parkland.
- Worked with the Trust's Board of Trustees to identify parcels considered priorities for conservation within the Trust's program area and develop strategies for cultivating owners of prioritized parcels.
- Regularly presented conservation project proposals and recommendations for approval to the Trust's Board of Trustees.
- Met with state, county, and municipal elected officials to advocate for continued public funding for land conservation initiatives.
- Initiated the Trust's outreach to the Charles A. Mellon Arts and Education Center in West Chester, PA to provide environmental educational opportunities for under-served children participating in the Center's after-school program. As part of this initiative, led effort to establish a community garden at the Center.
- Recruited, hired and supervised Geographic Information Systems (GIS) cartographer. Recruited and oversaw work of interns and volunteers.
- Oversaw the Trust's successful application to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission to renew its accredited land trust status.

MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND PLANNING, Silver Spring, Maryland

2000 - 2004

#### Senior Planner for Legacy Open Space Program

- Identified and evaluated lands to be conserved by Montgomery County, Maryland's "Legacy Open Space" initiative to protect its critical natural and cultural open space resources.
- Coordinated the development of land management plans for over 1,200 acres of conservation parkland purchased through the Legacy Open Space program.
- Coordinated work of a multi-disciplinary team of staff to develop management plan recommendations.

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- Presented Legacy Open Space project proposals to the Montgomery County Planning Board, citizen advisory groups, and the general public.
- Negotiated with landowners for the acquisition of conservation parkland and easements.
- Wrote and submitted grant applications for funding from the State of Maryland's "Program Open Space" in support of conservation acquisitions.

**CITY OF GAITHERSBURG DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, Gaithersburg, Maryland**

1999 - 2000

**Planner**

- Managed review of subdivision and site development plans as well as urban forest conservation plans for compliance with municipal land use regulations, and presented recommendations for approval to the City's Planning Commission.

**CITY OF FREDERICK PLANNING DEPARTMENT, Frederick, Maryland**

1998 - 1999

**Planner**

- Managed review of urban forest conservation plans as well as subdivision and site development plans for compliance with the Maryland Forest Conservation Act and municipal land use regulations. Presented recommendations for approval to the City's Planning Commission.
- Reviewed building permits for compliance with City's Zoning Ordinance and Historic District regulations.
- Coordinated Historic District Commission meetings and procedures.
- Initiated effort to improve City's Historic District Commission procedures and guidelines.

**Related Work Experience**

**Residential and Commercial Real Estate Appraiser (NY State Certified)**

1991 - 1994

- Appraised single family and multi-family residences.
- Wrote narrative appraisal reports for vacant land as well as retail, office, and light industrial properties.

**Real Estate Title Searcher**

1986 - 1991

- Researched public records for deeds, mortgages, easements, liens, and other legal documents to evaluate quality of title to specific parcels of real estate. Represented title insurance company at real estate settlements.

**Education**

**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

Completed two courses toward graduate certificate in Environmental Management, 2012

**STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT ALBANY**

Master of Regional Planning, 1997

**STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK COLLEGE AT PLATTSBURGH**

Bachelor of Arts In Geography, 1985

**Professional Certification**

International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist # MA-3988A,

2001-2009

**Community Service**

**Street Tree Commission Member, Borough of West Chester, Pennsylvania**

2005-2010

- Reviewed development plans for compliance with the Borough's street tree requirements.
- Drafted change to Borough's zoning ordinance regarding street tree requirements.

**Member of the Board of Directors, Charles A. Melton Arts and Education Center, West Chester, Pennsylvania**

2012 - 2014

- Co-led effort that established a community garden at the Center.