

BENJAMIN HOFF

Benjamin has a Master of Planning degree from Dalhousie University and a diverse background in planning. His experience ranges from watershed planning and coastal management to planning for large-format retail developments. He is skilled at policy analysis and adept at navigating the intricate details of the site planning process. This well-rounded skill set allows Benjamin to deal with every project in a comprehensive yet focused manner. Benjamin is a strong researcher and writer, with an ability to translate complex ideas into clear, understandable recommendations.

Benjamin's diverse background is reflected in his varied project experience with Urban Strategies. Benjamin is currently working with a large team to develop a Comprehensive Master Plan for Cornell University. His responsibility for incorporating principles of sustainability into this Plan is informed by his balanced approach to planning and previous experience in the environmental field. Benjamin is currently project manager for a variety of planning initiatives at the University of Waterloo. Local projects range from planning analyses approvals to preparation for Ontario Municipal Board hearings.

Prior to joining the field of planning, Benjamin obtained a degree in environmental science and worked in the environmental field. It was this background that stimulated his interest in planning, as urban growth, community development, and urban sustainability issues are critical from both planning and environmental perspectives. Benjamin approaches planning problems through this lens, recognizing the far-reaching social, environmental and economic implications of all decisions. This approach helps to realize balanced, achievable solutions. Benjamin is the coordinator for Urban Strategies' internal sustainability initiative - Sustainable USI.

EDUCATION

2005

**Master of Planning
Dalhousie University, Halifax**

2002

**B.Sc. Environmental Science
Minor: Third World Development
Studies
Calvin College, Michigan**

1999

**Budapest University of Economic
Sciences, Hungary**

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

2005	Planner, Urban Strategies Inc.
2005	Watershed Planner, Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour
2004	Teaching Assistant, Dalhousie University, Halifax
2003	Environmental Education Intern, Au Sable Institute of Environmental Studies

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CURRICULUM VITAE

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SELECTED PROJECTS

2007 -	Cornell University College of Agriculture & Life Sciences Facilities Master Plan, Ithaca, NY
2007 -	Mississauga Bus Rapid Transit TOD Strategy
2007 -	University of Waterloo East Campus Hall Master Plan
2006 -	University of Waterloo West Campus Master Plan
2006 -	18 York Street Planning Approvals, Toronto
2006 -	Cornell University Campus Master Plan, Ithaca, NY
2006	OMB Hearing - Minto/Victoria University, Toronto
2005 - 2006	Northwest Brampton Urban Boundary Expansion OMB Hearing
2005 - 2006	76 & 100 Davenport Road OMB Hearing, Toronto
2005	Toronto District School Board Planning Analysis
2005	Pollution Reduction Strategy for Cole Harbour, NS (Eastern Shore Clam Fishery Association)
2004	Planning for Physical Activity in Large-Format Retail Environments (Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation)

SELECTED RECOGNITION

2008	Design Exchange Award of Excellence in Urban Design Cornell University Comprehensive Campus Master Plan
2005	School of Planning Prize (Dalhousie School of Planning)
2004-2005	Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation
2004	Nova Scotia Planning Directors Association Award
2004-2005	Rosetti Scholarship (Dalhousie School of Planning)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Member, Task Force to Bring back the Don, Toronto
Member, Canadian Institute of Planners (Provisional)
Member, Ontario Professional Planners Institute (Provisional)

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