

BENJAMIN HOFF

Benjamin Hoff is a planner at Urban Strategies with broad experience and a diverse skill set. He has strong policy development and writing skills, with an ability to translate complex ideas into clear, understandable recommendations. Benjamin has also served as project manager for a variety of projects, and is adept at navigating the intricate details of planning approvals and other complex processes. This well-rounded skill set allows him to deal with every project in a comprehensive yet focused manner.

Benjamin's diverse background and skill set is reflected in his varied project experience with Urban Strategies, which includes extensive planning work for university campuses. As part of a larger team, Benjamin played a key role in the development of the award-winning Cornell University Campus Master Plan. Among other responsibilities, he led the incorporation of principles of sustainability into the Plan, which was informed by his previous experience in the environmental field. His work at Cornell University continues, as Benjamin is the project manager for the Cornell College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Facilities Master Plan. Benjamin was also the project manager for the University of Waterloo Campus Master Plan, as well as for two precinct-based plans that preceded the Campus Master Plan. Following the recent completion of the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Vision, Benjamin is currently working to complete the subsequent Campus Master Plan.

Benjamin's experience extends to a variety of municipal planning environments and beyond. Benjamin continues to play a key role in the development of the City of Vaughan Official Plan and authored a large portion of the Plan. He has worked on a variety of planning approvals submissions for official plan amendments, rezoning and minor variances, and has experience with Ontario Municipal Board hearings. Benjamin also serves as the coordinator for Urban Strategies' internal sustainability initiative, Sustainable USI, and is a member of the City of Toronto's Task Force to Bring Back the Don River.

EDUCATION

2005

**Master of Planning
Dalhousie University, Halifax**

2002

**B.Sc. Environmental Science
(Minor: International Development)
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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SELECTED PROJECTS

2011 -	City of Toronto PATH Master Plan
2010	West Vaughan Employment Area Secondary Plan
2009 - 2010	City of Vaughan New Official Plan
2008 -	University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Vision and Master Plan
2007 - 2008	CBC Broadcasting Centre, Toronto
2007 -	Cornell University College of Agriculture & Life Sciences Facilities Master Plan, Ithaca, NY
2007 - 2008	University of Waterloo Campus Master Plan
2006 - 2009	18 York Street, Toronto
2006 - 2008	Cornell University Campus Master Plan, Ithaca, NY
2006 - 2007	University of Waterloo Northwest Campus Master Plan
2006 - 2007	Minto/Victoria University, Toronto
2005 - 2006	Northwest Brampton Urban Boundary Expansion, Brampton
2005 - 2006	76 & 100 Davenport Road, 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 AWARDS

2009	American Planning Association Upstate NY Chapter Award of Excellence for a Comprehensive Plan, Cornell University Comprehensive Campus Master Plan
2009	Canadian Institute of Planners Award for Planning Excellence in Urban Design, Cornell University Comprehensive Campus Master Plan
2009	Canadian Society of Landscape Architects Regional Honour Award Cornell University Comprehensive Campus Master Plan
2008	Design Exchange Award of Excellence in Urban Design Cornell University Comprehensive Campus Master Plan

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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