

Ryan Stephenson

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Transdisciplinary Planner with experience in public, private, and nonprofit sectors. Skills, experience, and knowledge in GIS, graphic design, real estate development, community development, drafting policy, research and analysis, New Urbanism, and sustainability. As a professional generalist with a nonlinear career and a Bachelor's Degree focused in Urban Planning from Arizona State University School of Sustainability, Ryan is looking to design for thriving communities and a healthier and more equitable built environment with less cars.

EDUCATION

BA, Sustainability (Urban Dynamics),
Arizona State University, 2014

ACCREDITATION

Congress for the New Urbanism

PUBLICATIONS

- Theresa Foley, Ann Marie Wolf, Chloe Jackson & Ryan Stephenson (2021) Development of a brownfield inventory for prioritizing funding outreach in Tucson, Arizona
- Stephenson, R., D. Sversvold and B.L. Turner II. 2014. Impacts of foreclosure on single family residential landscapes. Poster

CERTIFICATIONS

Earth Advantage - **ADU Specialist**
Urban Design Lab - **Photoshop Masterclass**
Planetizen Certificates in:
Form-Based Codes 101 & 201, Urban Design, NCI Charrettes, Drawing, Writing

SKILLS

GIS ESRI
Design Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, DaVinci Resolve
Analysis & Communication
Word, Excel, Powerpoint
Coding R and Python

BIKES

RadCity 4, 2021 Timberjack XT, Raleigh Sojourn

WEBSITE

<https://naturesprez.github.io/>

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Planning Commission, City of Tucson, Feb. 2019 - Jan. 2021

Metropolitan Housing Corporation
Board Member, Feb. 2018 - Current

Habitat for Humanity Tucson
Builder

PLANNER

Pima County Community Development

August 2017 – Current

As the Department's Community Planner and GIS analyst, I am the go-to staff for research and analysis. I provide insights from collected data and knowledge of New Urbanism in helping administer federal grant programs including CDBG, FEMA, and EPA Brownfields.

RESEARCH, PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND PROJECT DESIGN

Infill & Facade Improvement Districts, Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, Green Infrastructure
GIS mapping and database management, stakeholder outreach and input, research, internship project coordination, surveys, policy writing

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Incremental Development Alliance Workshop, Boot Camp, and Zoning Diagnostic (2020-2021)
Planning, management of IncDev service delivery to Tucson and Pima County including marketing, design, recruitment, events, fundraising for workshop, boot camp, and stress test

Flowing Wells Neighborhood NRSA (2019-2020); City of South Tucson NRSA (2020-2021)

Technical assistance, planning, and management of HUD Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas including drafting RFP, GIS mapping, research, coordination with consultants and public

Pima County Brownfields Revitalization Program (2017-2019)

Management of EPA grant-funded program, contract coordination, GIS research and database management

PLAN*et Communities LLC

April 2016 – April 2017

Updated Town of Queen Creek's existing Parks & Recreation Master Plan, and General Plan. Planning research, and public meetings and open houses conducted for additional contracts. Personal contributions to the planning process have included the conducting, management, organization, and publishing of community surveys, municipal parks benchmarking and LOS, as well as writing agendas, presentations, and creating park model design, creating primary data and mapping in GIS for town plan updates

HEALTH PLANNING

Health Programs Research, Vitalyst Health Foundation (2017)

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLANS

Paradise Valley Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (2016-2017)

GENERAL PLANS

2018 General Plan, Town of Queen Creek, Arizona (2016-2017)

PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS PLANS

Queen Creek Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2016-2017)

URBAN PLANNER INTERN

City of Phoenix, Water Services Department

Jan 2014 – May 2014

Senior year capstone under the ASU Decision Center for a Desert City Internship for Science-Practice Integration. Mentored by Darren Sversvold, Water Economic Analyst, City of Phoenix

- Conducted primary research, surveying aerial imagery of 2000+ homes across Phoenix for their landscape attributes, studied the effects of foreclosure on SFR landscapes and associated water consumption within an area of Maryvale.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Local Initiatives Support Corporation-Phoenix

June 2017 – Aug 2017

Office management position organizing Admin schedules, correspondence with local banking and investment community, designing print materials for rail transit retail outreach, bookkeeping

FLEET TECHNICIAN

GR:D Bikeshare

January 2015 – April 2016

Bicycle maintenance and management of fleet of rideshare bicycles in field and shop

Uniquely qualified, culturally compatible

- Public and private experience and education in sustainability and urban planning
- Experience and practice in real estate development & analysis
- Continuous learning
- CNU Accredited
- Breadth of exposure
- Professional connections