

# Amanda B. Fuller

## Key Qualifications

- Dedicated professional with 23 years' experience in agriculture and education
- Creative environmental problem-solver with strong scientific background
- Results-oriented organizer and event planner with proven interpersonal skills
- Competent self-starter comfortable with diverse audiences
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English and Spanish

## Experience

### **Kentucky Academy of Science**

September 2013-Current

*Executive Director*

- Organize KAS Annual scientific Meeting for up to 800 people
- Manage membership database (4000+), communications, and website
- Initiated science education partnership with Kentucky Science Center
- Launched Kentucky Science Speakers Bureau in 2017
- Led a successful campaign to increase membership 33% over 4 years

### **Lots of Food**

Founded 2013

*Owner*

- Transformed 5 Land Bank vacant lots into a market garden, orchard and apiary
- Integrate cover crops, pollinator habitat enhancements & soil conservation practices
- Built 1000-gallon rain catchment system and established edible buffers
- Produce fruits & vegetables for markets in the Portland & Russell neighborhoods
- Teach workshops and host youth & tour groups
- Earn local TV, radio, print, and national media attention for innovative re-use

### **Breaking New Grounds**

March 2010 -January 2013

*Operations Manager*

- Oversaw production of hoophouse produce, compost, vermicompost, and garden
- Managed and documented weekly production, harvest & sales revenue; wrote budgets
- Supervised and trained 100 hrs/month of volunteers in agricultural methods
- Presented educational programs to adults & youth about urban agriculture
- Built relationships with neighbors, advocates, business partners and public agencies
- Researched, wrote grants, and supervised participation in state incentive programs
- KY State Certified Compost Operator (2012-2017)

### **Bicycling for Louisville**

October 2009- May 2010

*Interim Executive Director*

- Cut costs 50% and streamlined administrative functions
- Managed membership database, fundraising mailings, and coordinated volunteers
- Worked closely with board of directors on bicycling education & advocacy programs
- Organized an office move (by bike!) earning print, television and online media coverage

## **Peace Corps Paraguay**

Sept 2005 – Dec 2008

### *Environmental and Agriculture Extension*

- 3<sup>rd</sup> year extension as Agriculture and Environment advisor for Plan Paraguay
- Developed technical materials in Spanish on green manures, agroforestry, and nutrition
- Performed needs assessments, and addressed rural families' food security and environmental quality through gardening, crop diversification, agroforestry, soil conservation, and nutrition and cooking classes
- Trained teachers in environmental education, organic gardening, and nutrition
- Trained 55 new volunteers and provided extension services to 60 Paraguayan families

## **The Sauk Prairie Conservation Alliance**

Prairie du Sac, WI. 2002 – 2005

### *Coordinator (previously as Volunteer, 1999-2002)*

- Directed conservation education and ecological restoration activities at the 7000-acre Badger Army Ammunition Plant, collaborating with state, tribal, and federal partners
- Facilitated public events, managed membership database, newsletter, and web site

## **Madison Environmental Group, Inc.**

Madison, WI. March 2002 – July 2005

### *Program Manager*

- Managed neighborhood EnAct (Environmental Action) teams making sustainable lifestyle improvements in energy, transportation, water use, recycling, and food
- Produced the EnAct users' manual with suggested actions and environmental benefits
- Consulted on LEED green buildings, green development, construction and demolition waste recycling, and urban brownfield to green space redevelopment

## **International Crane Foundation**

Baraboo WI. June-December 1997

### *Project Manager*

- Directed a prairie restoration education initiative with Neenah Creek Elementary School

## **Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center**

Peninsula, OH. March 1996 – June 1997

### *Environmental Educator*

- Taught a watershed-based curriculum to urban and rural students in grades 3-9
- Initiated composting of food from 2 dining halls, constructed bins and trained 20 staff

## **Rodale Institute**

Kutztown, PA. May-November 1995

### *Soil Health Research Assistant*

- Conducted field and laboratory research on soil and crop quality in a long-term field trial comparing two organic cropping system to a conventional system
- Compiled and analyzed data on carbon sequestration in organic and conventional soils

## **Volunteer Experience**

### **Public & Non-Profit**

Jefferson County Cooperative Extension Advisory Council (2014-current)

Jefferson County Agriculture Development Council (2016 - )

Urban Agriculture Coalition member (2017-current)

Sustainable Agriculture Louisville Board of Directors (2010-2016)

Citizen Forester with Louisville Grows (2013- current)

Treasurer & Board member, Louisville Association for Community Economics & Louisville Community Grocery (2015-current)

Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (2010-current)  
Bicycling for Louisville Board of Directors (2010-2013)  
Anne Braden Institute Civil Rights Tour volunteer tour guide  
Project Warm Blitz volunteer

### **Farming**

Wellspring Organic CSA Farm, West Bend, WI & Blue Moon Farm, Stoughton, WI (2009)

### **Teaching & Public Speaking**

Lots of Food workshops: Spring & Fall Foraging, Producing Herbal Teas, Jam-making (2014-current)

Urban Homesteading Series, Growing Perennials & Fruit Trees (2018)

Louisville Free Public Library How-To Fest: Growing fruit organically (2018); Spring Foraging (2018); Starting a garden on vacant lots (2017); Growing & processing corn (2016)

Louisville Solar Tour (2011-2017)

Center for Neighborhoods' Green Institute: Sustainability & Urban Homesteading, (2013-2017)

Sowers of Justice Annual Conference: Grassroots Lobbying (2018)

### **Community Gardens**

Helped develop Food in Neighborhoods' Community Garden Directory (2014) and Louisville Metro's Community Gardens Startup Guide (2014)

St. Peter Claver Community Gardener (2010-2016) & Garden manager (2014-2015)

Founded Froelich community garden, Phoenix Hill neighborhood (2014-current)

Phoenix Hill Community gardener (2016- current)

East Main St. Community Gardener (2010-2014)

Citizen advocate on Louisville Metro Community Garden Zoning Amendment (2012)

### **Education**

**M.S. Land Resources, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2002. Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies.**

- Research: Community Participation in Ecological Restoration in rural Wisconsin

**B.S. Environmental Science, Denison University, Granville, OH, 1995. Summa cum laude.**