

Guy D. Smith, CPRP

Resume

QUALIFICATIONS

Private and public-sector management and leadership experience

Effective communicator, team player, and leader

Strong understanding of park & recreation operational needs and best practices

PARK & RECREATION PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Milwaukee County Parks, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

Executive Director, June 2018-present.

Interim Parks Director, November 2017 – January 2018 and February -May 2018.

Milwaukee County Emergency Operations Center, Operations Lead – March-May 2020

Chief of Operations, February 2010 – January 2018

Deputy Regional Operations Manager, May 2007 – February 2010

Trails Coordinator, July 2004 – May 2007

USDA Forest Service, Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, Tennessee and Kentucky

Acting Assistant Facility Manager, October 2003 – July 2004

Dane County Parks, Madison, Wisconsin

Park Ranger, Park Manager & Intern, 2000 to 2003

EDUCATION

Bachelor's degree of Science, Natural Resource Management – University of Wisconsin - Madison

Associate's Degree in Supervisory Management/Forward Management – Milwaukee Area Technical College

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

- Milwaukee Parks Foundation: Ex. Officio Member of the Board of Directors, 2019-present
- We Care Crew member: 2020-2025
- Milwaukee County Strategic Planning Team, focusing on Racial Equity: 2020-2025
- Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association: Park Section Executive Board, Representative at Large and Chair Elect, Chair, Past Chair 2008-2013; regular presenter at the annual WPRA Conference.
- Milwaukee County CityWorks Steering Committee Member 2016 – 2018
- Milwaukee County Diversity Committee Member 2009-2018
- Milwaukee County Employee Engagement Steering Committee 2016 – 2018
- GroundWork Milwaukee's Board of Directors 2006, Chairman 2008-2017, Emeritus Member 2018
- City of Milwaukee Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force Member 2004 – 2012

AWARDS

- King Advisory Inc. – The Legacy Community Access Award, 2025
- Kiwanis Milwaukee Award, 2024
- Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful Star Award Recipient 2017
- MATC Lamp of Knowledge Award 2011
- Public Policy Forum: Award for Individual Excellence Leader of the Future Award 2011
- Young Professional of the Year, National Recreation and Park Association 2010
- NRPA's Gold Medal Class I 2009; member of delegation team in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- WPRA's Silver Star Award for Milwaukee County Parks Youth Employment Partnership 2008
- WPRA's Park Section, Young Professional of the Year Award 2007
- WPRA's Silver Star Award for Milwaukee County Parks/Urban Ecology Center Satellite Partnership 2007
- Awarded Shepherd Express 'Best Of Trail in Milwaukee for the Oak Leaf Trail (2004 - 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012)
- National Recreational Trail Designations for the Seven Bridges Trail, Urban Water Trail, East Bank Trail, Jacobus Park Nature Trail, and Kohl Park Hiking Trails.

CERTIFICATIONS & TRAININGS

- WPRA Leadership Academy Alumni Graduate 2018
- 2-Year WPRA Leadership Academy Graduate 2017
- First Aid/CPR Certification
- Supervisory Management, OSHA, Project Management Certificates
- NRPA's Certified Park and Recreation Professional 2009 to present
- Groundwork USA Assembly 2008
- Aldo Leopold Foundation Prescribed Burn Training; Student Conservation Association Work Skills Training
- USDA Forest Service Trainings: Contract Officer, Fire Behavior/Suppression, Fire Engine, and Water Pumps (2003-2004)
- Golf Course & Turf Management Training (2001, 2002, 2003 & 2009, 2013-2016)

MEMBERSHIPS

- National Recreation and Park Association
- Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association
- City Parks Alliance