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ABOUT

Ms. Durfee has experience in the fields of planning, natural resources, and sustainability in the public, non-profit, and private sectors. She is the owner and principal of EF | Design & Planning, LLC, a community and environmental planning and design consulting business in New Hampshire.

EF | Design & Planning, LLC seeks to improve the way human activity and natural systems function together through innovative and integrated planning across scales and disciplines. The foundation of her practice is building resiliency and improving quality of life. She aspires to increase the use of visual communication methods and art to enhance projects, public outreach, and community spaces. Collaboration, transparency, quality, and commitment are core aspects of her work.

AREAS OF INTEREST & EXPERTISE

- + Local Land Use Planning & Zoning
- + Master Planning
- + Outreach & Education
- + Visioning
- + Climate Adaptation & Resiliency
- + Hazard Mitigation
- + Watershed & Water Resource Planning
- + Coastal & Waterfront Land Use
- + Green Infrastructure & Stormwater Management
- + Natural Resources Assessment
- + Environmental Permitting
- + Land Conservation
- + Public Health & Active Living
- + Complete Streets
- + EPA Brownfields Assessment
- + Tax Increment Financing
- + Community Design
- + Mapping & Graphic Design

SOFTWARE SKILLS

InDesign	●●●●●●○○
Photoshop	●●●●●○○○
Illustrator	●●●●●○○○
ArcGIS Mapping	●●●●●○○○
Microsoft Office	●●●●●●●●
Microsoft Project	●●●●○○○○
Social Media	●●●●●●●○

MEMBER

- American Institute of Certified Planners
- American Planning Association Northern New England Chapter
- Town of Newington, NH Conservation Commission
- APA Water Resources Outreach & Education Subcommittee

PROFESSIONAL PROJECT EXPERIENCE

**EF | Design & Planning, LLC - Owner & Principal**

- October 2017 - Present, Portsmouth, NH
- + Contract Town Planner, Town of Madbury, NH Planning Board and Zoning Board
- + Project Principal, Comprehensive Plan Update, Kennebunkport, ME
- + Project Principal, Zoning Ordinance, Site Plan Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance preparation, City of Saco, ME
- + Facilitator and Project Manager, Hampton, NH Coastal Hazards and Adaptation Team (CHAT), Seabrook-Hamptons Estuary Alliance
- + Project Principal, Master plan and land use audit for Seabrook-Hampton Estuary Management Plan, Hampton, NH
- + Project Planner, Village Master Plan, North Hampton, NH
- + Stewardship, Mapping, and Grant Writing Consultant, Moose Mountains Regional Greenways Land Trust, Wakefield, NH
- + Project Principal, Situation Assessment of Flooding and Climate Adaptation in Hampton, NH, Seabrook-Hamptons Estuary Alliance
- + Organizational Strategic Planning Consultant, Action Wakefield Watersheds Alliance, Wakefield, NH

**AECOM - Environmental Planner**

- March 2017 - Present, Chelmsford, MA
- + Provides part-time planning assistance for local and international water resource management and climate adaptation projects, including: population and drinking water demand projections, Environmental and Social Baseline Assessment, USAID Green Infrastructure Guide, EPA Financial Capability Assessments; USAID Climate Risk Management; MA State Hazard Mitigation & Climate Adaptation Plan

**Strafford Regional Planning Commission - Senior Regional Planner**

- 2014-2017, Rochester, NH
- + Provided local and regional technical assistance in diverse planning areas
- + Secured and managed contracts, budgets, reports, and subcontractors
- + Developed master plans, zoning ordinances, and build out analyses
- + Engaged the public via visioning sessions, surveys, and workshops
- + Co-managed SRPC Brownfields Program
- + Prepared graphics and formatted documents, posters, and brochures
- + Served as the Interim Planning Director for the Town of Farmington, NH

**MI Coastal Zone Management Program & Sea Grant - NOAA Coastal Management Fellow**

- 2011-2013, Lansing, MI
- + Analyzed coastal land use and provided state and local recommendations for preservation of working waterfronts

**Urban Ecology Institute - Sustainable Cities Program Assistant & AmeriCorps VISTA**

- 2007-2008, Cambridge, MA
- + Engaged the community and volunteers in urban tree canopy programs

EDUCATION

**Master of Urban & Regional Planning - Planning & Physical Design**

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2011

**Master of Science in Natural Resources & Environment - Sustainable Systems**

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2011

**Bachelor of Science in Environmental Conservation**

University of New Hampshire College of Life Science & Agriculture, Durham, NH, 2006