

2.1 - Overall Planning Function within Agency

Standard: The agency shall have planning functions with established responsibilities, including at least one staff member or consultant with planning capability.

Suggested Evidence of Compliance: Provide the responsibilities and functions of the planning entity. Provide resumes of training and experience for staff and/or consultants who have planning capabilities.

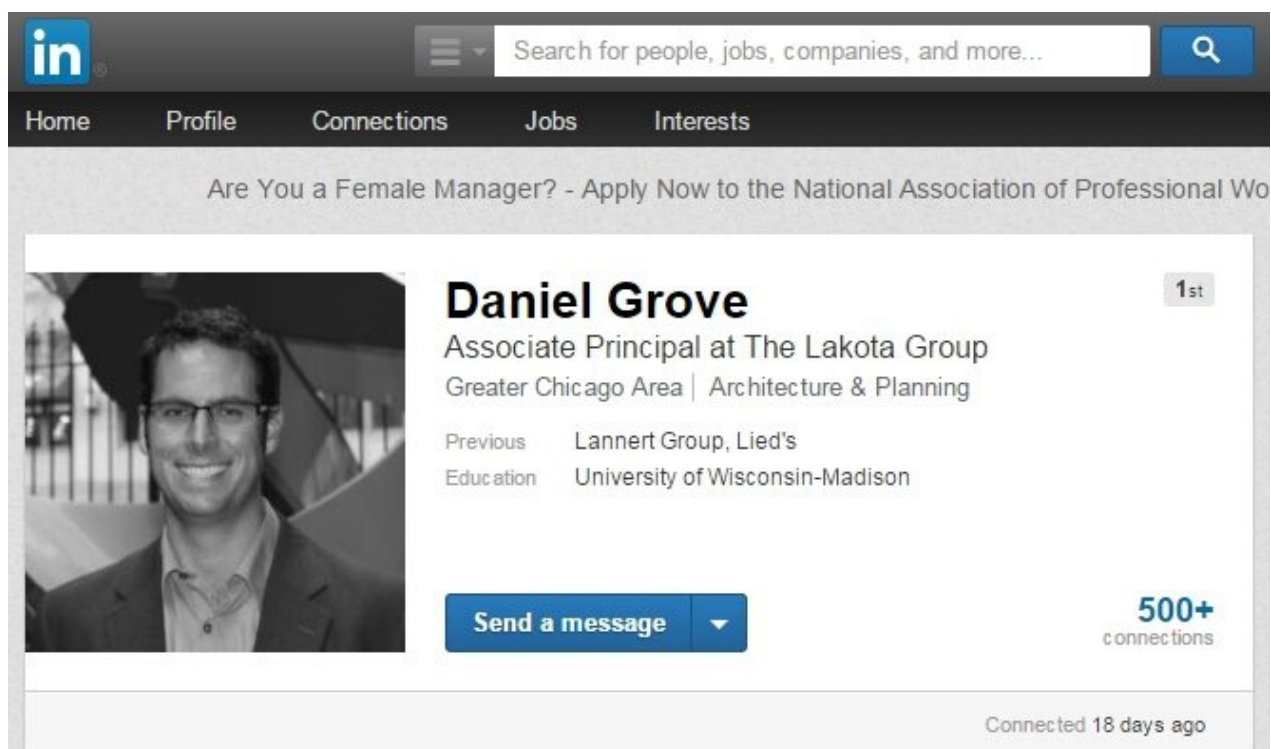
Informational reference in the *Management of Park and Recreation Agencies*, (2010), 3rd Ed., Chapter 7 – Planning for Strategic Management, pp. 120-121.

Agency Evidence of Compliance:

At the Park District of Oak Park, the Board of Commissioners provides for the planning of parks and facilities by working with the Executive Director and staff to hire the most qualified consultant for each individual project affecting or having an impact on the overall agency, including comprehensive system master plans, park master plans, as well as other studies and plans that will drive the future plans of the Park District. Consultants hired for recent planning projects have included:

Project	Consultant	Evidence of Experience
Comprehensive Master Plan	Daniel Grove, RLA, LEED AP for Lakota Group	Resume on LinkedIn (full profile screenshot below)
Carroll Park & Field Park Master Plan Updates	Josephine Bellalta, RLA, ASLA for Altamanu Inc.	Resume on LinkedIn (full profile screenshot below)
Fox Park & Longfellow Park Master Plan Updates	Darrell E Garrison, ASLA, PLA, CPSI for Planning Resources Inc.	Resume on LinkedIn (full profile screenshot below)
Athletic Field Maintenance and Operations Plan	Barbara Heller for Heller and Heller Consulting, Inc.	Resume on LinkedIn (full profile screenshot below)

Agency Self Assessment: MET



The image shows a screenshot of a LinkedIn profile for Daniel Grove. The profile includes a search bar at the top, navigation tabs for Home, Profile, Connections, Jobs, and Interests, and a banner for a job opening. The main profile section features a profile picture of Daniel Grove, his name, title (Associate Principal at The Lakota Group), location (Greater Chicago Area | Architecture & Planning), previous employer (Lannert Group, Lied's), and education (University of Wisconsin-Madison). There is a 'Send a message' button and a connection count of 500+.

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Daniel Grove 1st

Associate Principal at The Lakota Group
Greater Chicago Area | Architecture & Planning

Previous Lannert Group, Lied's
Education University of Wisconsin-Madison

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Background



Summary

- Specialties:- Registered Landscape Architect in Illinois and Indiana
- Sustainable Planning and Design
 - Creative and Cutting-Edge Streetscape Design
 - Community Relations and Team Building
 - Computer Simulation and 3-D Modeling



Experience

Associate Principal

The Lakota Group

May 2001 – Present (13 years 10 months)

Based in Chicago, Illinois, the Lakota Group, Inc., specializes in planning, urban design, landscape architecture, historic preservation and community relations. Founded in 1993, the firm works with a variety of clients from both the public and private sectors including large cities, suburban municipalities, and small towns to developers, and non-profit organizations. Lakota is a Native American word meaning "allies". It represents our strong respect for land and the built environment, sense of community and desire to bring people together to work as allies for positive change.

Daniel Grove, RLA, LEED AP, is a Land Planner/Landscape Architect and Vice-President with experience in corridor and district planning, land planning, streetscape/landscape/park design, and computer modeling/simulations.

Associate

Lannert Group

1998 – 2001 (3 years)

Intern

Lied's

1997 – 1997 (less than a year)



Skills

Top Skills

12	Project Management	+	
39	Landscape Architecture	+	
21	Site Planning	+	
2	Wayfinding & Signage...	+	
26	Urban Design	+	
3	Land Use	+	
6	Community Development	+	

- Community Development
- 8 Urban Planning
- 7 Sustainability
- 1 Green Infrastructure

Daniel also knows about...

- 13 Historic Preservation
- 2 Green Building
- 3 Parks
- 31 Land Use Planning
- 6 LEED AP
- 3 Placemaking
- 5 Landscape Design
- 5 Zoning
- 3 Sustainable Design
- 2 Design Research
- 5 Mixed-use
- 9 Comprehensive Planning
- 2 New Urbanism
- 4 Streetscape
- 4 Construction Management

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Education

University of Wisconsin-Madison

BSLA, Landscape Architecture
1993 – 1998




Activities and Societies: Resident Assistant at The Langdon dorm.

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Josephine Bellalta

President at Altamanu, Inc.

Greater Chicago Area | Architecture & Planning

Current Altamanu, Inc.

Previous Teng & Associates, The Lakota Group, Pressley Associates, Inc.

Education University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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Experience

President

Altamanu, Inc.

October 2000 – Present (14 years 5 months)

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Mike Grandy

Supt Bldg & Grnds at Park District of Oak Park

Josie is a creative, dedicated professional that practices her craft in a such a way that she makes it look easy. She has the capability to relate to very difficult crowds, build consensus, and utilize the best of suggestions to formulate viable... [View ↓](#)

Owner

Altamanu, Inc.

2000 – Present (15 years) | Greater Chicago Area



Director Planning & Landscape Architecture

Teng & Associates

1998 – 2000 (2 years)

Landscape Designer

The Lakota Group

1995 – 1998 (3 years)

Landscape Designer

Pressley Associates, Inc.

1988 – 1992 (4 years)



Skills

Top Skills

57	Landscape Architecture	+	
23	Landscape Design	+	
14	Sustainable Design	+	
43	Parks	+	
27	Site Planning	+	
8	Urban Design	+	
15	Site Plans	+	
9	Land Use Planning	+	

- 12 Comprehensive Planning +
- 5 Urban Planning +

Josephine also knows about...

- 3 Planting Plans +
- 19 Streetscape +
- 3 Zoning +
- 10 Garden Design +
- 6 Tree Planting +
- 6 Submittals +
- 4 Mixed-use +
- 4 LEED AP +
- 7 Urban +
- 18 Green Roofs +
- 3 Sustainability +
- 2 Architectural Design +
- 3 Design Research +
- 2 Construction Drawings +
- 3 LEED +
- See 23+ >

 Education

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

MLA, Landscape Architecture
1985 – 1988

Activities and Societies: ASLA



Lake Forest College

BLA, Environmental Studies
1980 – 1983



Holy Cross College

NA, Landscape Architecture, Freshman
1979 – 1980



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Darrell Garrison 2nd

President/CEO of Planning Resources - Certified DBE & BEP Firm, Pres. Elect IL American Society of Landscape Architects

Greater Chicago Area | Architecture & Planning

- Current Planning Resources Inc.
- Previous Davis & Associates, LTD., Thompson Dyke & Associates, Ltd., M. J. Harrison Associates, Ltd.
- Education Ball State University

**Background****Summary**

As a licensed Landscape Architect, with over 26 years of experience working for municipal and public agencies such as park districts, school districts, villages, city, county as well as federal agencies, I bring an extensive knowledge of Landscape Architecture and an in-depth understanding of public spaces and how people manipulate them. I have experienced professional success in the development of livable communities through planning and designs for parks and recreation spaces, downtown streetscapes, public plazas, education institutions, religious facilities, commercial developments and sustainable site master planning.

I have participated in a wide range of management and technical roles in landscape architectural design, urban design and environmental planning. My backdrop includes extensive design development, project management and construction management experience overseeing design, new construction, renovation, and restoration projects.

I am the immediate Past-Chairman of the State Landscape Architect Registration Board for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Currently, I serve as President-Elect for the Illinois American Society of Landscape Architects (ILASLA) and National Organization for Minority Architects (NOMA) member.

My Goal on any project is to "Punctuate" the individual identity of a project through creative design and superior technical expertise.

Specialties: Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) #10603-1110 by the National Playground Safety Institute.

**Experience****Principal/Director of Landscape Architecture**

Planning Resources Inc.

May 2000 – Present (14 years 10 months) | 402 W. Liberty Drive, Wheaton, Illinois 60187

As Principal/Director of Landscape Architecture, I am involved during the initial information gathering and planning aspects of all projects. I'm also responsible for conducting public facilitation meetings to discover community needs for public projects, as well as for discovering plan objectives. As each project is studied and designed, I coordinate the efforts of the project team, oversee the implementation of all design related issues and daily office production.

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Juli Crane, PWS, LEED AP BD+C, DECI

Principal Wetland Specialist at Lake County Stormwater Management Commission

Darrell brings his passion for designing parks and recreation areas to every project and goes the extra mile to meet the client's needs and desires. [View ↓](#)

Project Manager/Senior Landscape Architect

Davis & Associates, LTD.

April 1993 – May 2000 (7 years 2 months)

As Project Manager/Senior Landscape Architect, I was responsible for open space master planning, public facilitation, park and recreation site design, development and engineering document preparation,

and contract administration

Project Manager/Landscape Architect

Thompson Dyke & Associates, Ltd.

October 1992 – 1993 (1 year)

Landscape Architect

M. J. Harrison Associates, Ltd.

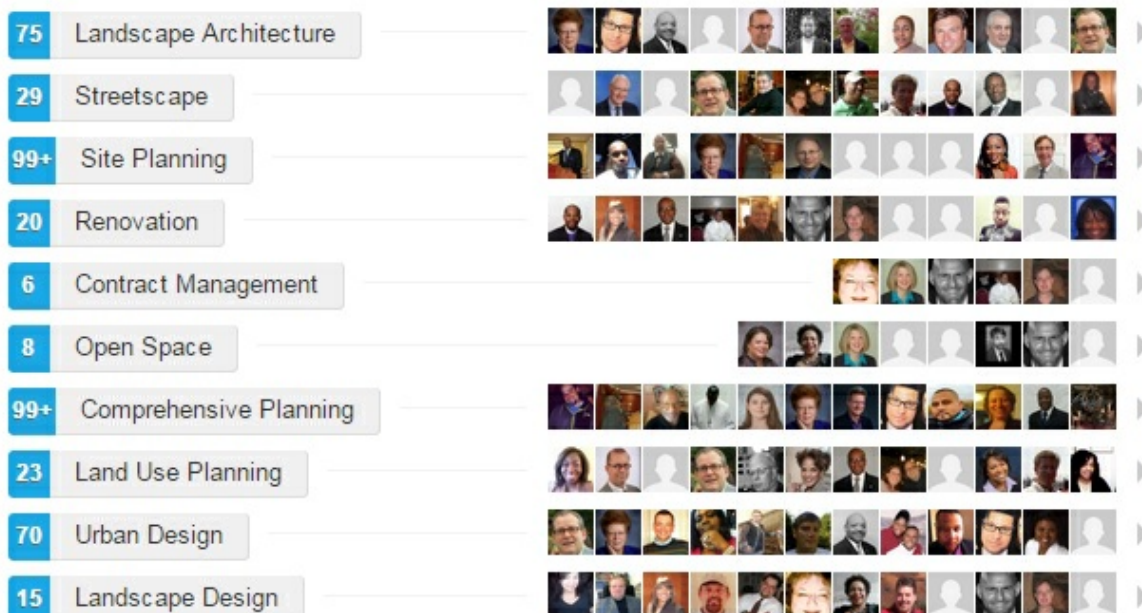
July 1988 – October 1992 (4 years 4 months)

Provided design and production assistance on all public and private projects. Participated in a wide range of technical roles in site planning, landscape architectural design, streetscape enhancements, and park and recreation planning projects.



Skills

Top Skills



Darrell also knows about...



Education

Ball State University

BS, Environmental Design

1981 – 1988



Ball State University

BLA, Landscape Architecture

1981 – 1988



Activities and Societies: Mike Lin Graphic Workshop, Manhattan, Kansas - Winter 1987 Teaching Assistant.

Additional Info

• Interests

Sustainable Design Park and Recreation Planning/Sports Field Development



Organizations

Additional Organizations

American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), National Organization for Minority Architects (NOMA) United States Green Building Council West Suburban Chapter (USGBC) Blacks In Green (BIG) Illinois Parks and Recreation Association (IPRA) Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) Illinois Township Officials of Illinois (TOI)



Honors & Awards

Additional Honors & Awards

2012 ASLA Environmental Stewardship Honor Award - PrairieWalk Pond and The DragonFly Landing, Village of Lisle, Illinois.

2012 ASLA Design Merit Award - Longfellow Park, Park District of Oak Park.

2008 IPRA Outstanding Facility of the Year Award - Design and development of Birch Park, Park District of Franklin Park.

2006 IPRI Outstanding Facility of the Year Award - Design and development of Championship Park, Park District of Franklin Park.



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Barbara Heller

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President at Heller and Heller Consulting, Inc.

Greater Chicago Area | Government Administration

Previous PROS Consulting, Naperville Park District

Education American University



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Background



Summary

Over 30 year's experience in the municipal park and recreation industry. President of Heller and Heller Consulting, Inc. Previously was a Principal Consultant with PROS Consulting for three years. Worked for local government agencies in VA, MD, TX, and IL. Was director of two park districts in Illinois.

Specialties: Strategic Planning, Master Planning, Operational Assessments, Staffing Studies, Organizational Culture, Leadership Development, Service Quality Audits, and Staff Training



Experience

President

Heller and Heller Consulting, Inc.

September 2010 – Present (4 years 6 months) | Greater Chicago Area

Strategic Planning
Operational Assessments
Government Efficiency
Change Management
Master Planning

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Neelay Bhatt

TEDx Speaker / VP - PROS Consulting / Board of Directors at National Recreation and Park ...

Barbara and I have worked closely throughout her time at PROS Consulting over the last 3-4 years. Over that time, Barbara has played many roles from a project manager to a fellow consultant to a mentor - each with aplomb. Her ability to put... View ↓

Principal Consultant

PROS Consulting

April 2007 – September 2010 (3 years 6 months)

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Phil Stuepfert

Senior Project Manager

Barbara is very talented and has a tremendous amount of knowledge in her field of Park and Recreation Planning. She has a great attitude, is extremely personable and overall is just easy to work with. I highly recommend Barbara. Phil Stuepfert ... View ↓

Executive Director

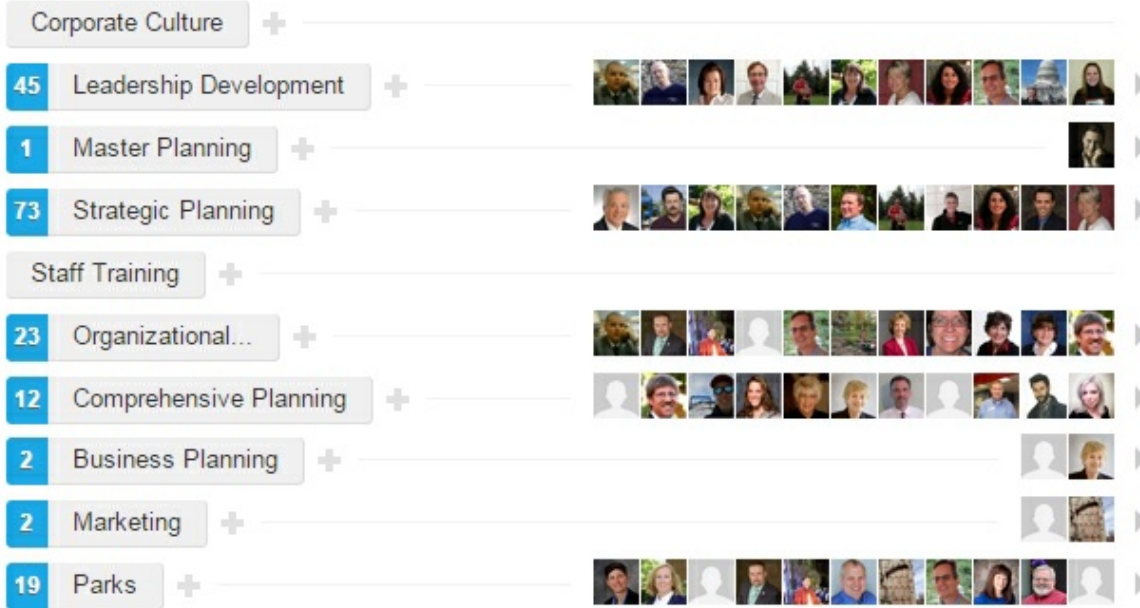
Naperville Park District

September 2005 – April 2007 (1 year 8 months)



Skills

Top Skills



Barbara also knows about...



Education

American University
Master Degree in Public Administration
1982 – 1983



Penn State University
BS
1972 – 1976

