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PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

- 30+ years of public sector planning, management, and legislative experience
- Operational, personnel, and budget management
- Implementation of programs, projects, legislative priorities
- Adaptive reuse of property
- Negotiations: labor, real estate, financing, contracts
- Community and strategic planning
- Communication expertise – internal/external/social media/website
- Problem solving - rational and diplomatic approach
- Business and economic development

EXPERIENCE:

Economic and Community Development Manager

Town of Groton, Connecticut

July 2015 – Present

- Manages Economic and Community Development Program and staff.
- Directly coordinates with Town Council, Town Manager, federal, state and regional agencies.
- Serves as POC attracting investment, promote opportunity, and to increase marketability.
- Implements town supported projects, budgets, and directives.
- Manages \$8.6 million in American Rescue Fund Act programming
- Coordinates with U.S. Navy, General Dynamics/Electric Boat, Pfizer, business associations, and Chambers of Commerce.
- Focuses on market analysis, legislative initiatives, property redevelopment, housing, financial management, bond rating, business retention/attraction, marketing, and investment.
- Manages Economic Development Commission and liaisons.
- Oversees the Economic Development Fund (\$500,000), Incentive programs, Housing programming, and other community investments.
- Coordinates the new Wayfinding Sign Program including design and implementation.
- Streamlines municipal regulatory and planning processes.
- Developed and implemented the Airport Development Zone (ADZ) program.
- Grants including CDBG, Brownfields, ARPA, and special projects (U.S. Navy Nautilus Dock)
- Markets and manages Groton real estate, redevelopment, and community projects.
- Launched marketing campaign, video, branding, and website www.exploremoregroton.com
- Serves on CT Economic Development Association (CEDAS) Board as President.
- Serves on Thames River Innovation Place (TRIP) Board as Secretary.
- Serves on the Mystic Chamber of Commerce Board.
- Serves on the Eastern Regional Tourism District (ERTD) Board.

Paige Bronk Consulting

Sole Proprietor - Newport, RI

January 2015 – Present

- Strategic planning, development, zoning, and fiscal impact consulting services in Rhode Island to municipal and private clients in multiple jurisdictions.

Director of Development

Rhode Island Housing

Dec. 2014 – July 2015

- Supervised 15 staff (design and construction, program managers, underwriters, development).
- Coordinated investors, federal, state and local agency project funding.
- Oversaw compliance, finance layering, and cost effective program management.
- Recommended project financing awards to the Rhode Island Housing Board.
- Maximized leveraging of funding while minimizing implementation risks.
- Oversaw RFP processes for real estate (85 Slater Street), financing, and development programs.

Economic Development Manager

Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island (contract position)

April 2013- Dec. 2014

- Managed economic development activities including business attraction and retention, market and fiscal analyses, special projects, marketing, infrastructure planning, property redevelopment, and partnerships with state agency programs.
- Supported Town Manager, Town Council, Economic Development Advisory Board, and Wickford Economic Development Advisory Board.
- Administration and implementation of large grant funded projects (over \$3 million).
- Redevelopment of key public and private properties.
- Initiated the streamlining (LEAN) of municipal functions including departmental coordination, approval processes (permits/licenses), sign ordinance, and financial functions.
- Coordinated business attraction efforts (tax incentive, payment agreements, and public property).

Assistant Director for Planning and Development

City of Pawtucket, Rhode Island

January - April 2013

- Executive interim support to the Mayor and department focused on 45 Division Street Redevelopment (site analysis, environmental, legal, RFP, marketing).

Appraisal Data Analyst

Northeast Revaluation Group – Warwick, RI (contract position) September 2012 – April 2013

- Property analysis and research for West Warwick and Warren assessment projects.

Director of Planning, Zoning, Development & Inspections

City of Newport, Rhode Island

September 2000 – July 2012

- Executive management to City Manager; Newport City Council, Boards/Commissions.
- Directed 17 staff with multiple divisions (planning, facilities, parking, zoning, inspections, development and grants (CDBG, EDA, TIP, Harbor Shuttle, Cliff Walk).
- Managed operating and capital budgets - \$3+ million annually.
- Developed proposals and secured grants for major projects (> \$1 million each)
- Negotiated land transactions for the redevelopment of high profile properties (bank, brewery, community college, residential condos, conservation land)
- Coordinated revolving loan programs totaling over \$4 million.
- Streamlined development review processes to stimulate business development.
- Planned redevelopment of the North End including a 495 unit housing neighborhood, community college, daycare facility, recreation, and offices (APA Rhode Island Best Implemented Plan Award - 2007).

- Staff liaison to Redevelopment Agency and LRA for Navy waterfront redevelopment.
- Spearheaded the Pell Bridge Realignment Project to free over 30+ acres for redevelopment.
- Managed and coordinated special projects including Ordinance Amendments (Zoning, Subdivision), Land Purchase/Sale, Comprehensive Planning, Economic Redevelopment, Cliff Walk, Noise and Nuisance Mitigation, Pell Bridge Realignment Project, Signage, U.S. Navy Hospital Reuse, Housing, Multi-modal Transportation (Newport Water Shuttle, Rail), School Property Redevelopment, Economic Waterfront Analysis and Regional Planning.

Director of Planning and Building Codes

City of Frankfort, Kentucky

March 1998 – September 2000

- Executive level management to City Manager and City Council
- Directed a 12 staff development department including staffing to the Planning Commission, Code Enforcement Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Architectural Review Board.
- Administered and updated zoning, subdivision, property, and land use regulations.
- Administered the FEMA - CRS floodplain management program and hazard mitigation plan.
- Administered the housing grant program (HOME, HUD, CDBG, and FEMA).

Natural Resources/Environmental Planner

Chatham County/Savannah Metropolitan Plan Commission

August 1994 – March 1998

- Developed countywide plans for open space, greenways, and land protection.
- Formulated \$9 million budget for a bond funded open space/greenway program.

Solid Waste Management Planner

Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center

June 1992 – July 1994

- Managed department serving eight counties/26 municipalities with a \$1 million federal grant.
- Developed local, regional, and national plans for state/federal approval gaining NADO award

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION:

- American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), 1996.
- Master of Community Planning and Development (MCP), University of Rhode Island, 1991.
- Bachelor of Arts (Environmental Studies and Geology), Alfred University, 1989.
- United States Coast Guard (USCG) – Master Mariner Captain’s License – 100 GT, 2014.
- Certified Financial Planner Classes – Boston Institute of Finance/Bryant University (ongoing)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- International City Managers Association (ICMA)
- American Planning Association (APA) (Rhode Island/Connecticut Chapters)
- American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)
- Connecticut Economic Development Association (CEDAS) (President)
- Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce (Board Member)
- Thames River Innovation Place (TRIP) (Board Member/Secretary)
- Eastern Regional Tourism District (ERTD) (Board Member)
- International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC)