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Selected Experience

July 2012 – present Principal of architectural firm **Jim Schulman, Architect**, doing commercial and residential design work in Washington, D.C. and Suburban, MD. Recent projects include expert witness testimony for a DC Condo Association, a sculpture studio in Mt. Rainier, and a new public works facility for the Town of Cottage City, Maryland. Registered as an Architect in D.C. & Maryland

Jan. 2012 – May 2017 Treasurer and Board Member of the **Building Materials Reuse Association**, www.bmra.org a non-profit promoting reuse and deconstruction industries in the U.S. and Canada. Leadership role included financial reporting and active participation in the American Sustainable Business Council, educating Congress, state legislatures, and County governments on sustainable business perspectives that include building material reuse. Presented on the contribution of reuse to sustainable design as an invited speaker at the 2017 American Institute of Architects Annual Conference on Architecture in Orlando and in 2018 to Architecture without Borders - Quebec.

Oct. 2016 – present Executive Manager of the **Alliance for Regional Cooperation**, an effort founded by Think Local First – DC, the Chesapeake Sustainable Business Council, and A Thousand Friends of Virginia's Future to enhance and make explicit the regional-serving elements of the Washington Metro economy, especially promoting sustainable and green independent businesses, B-Corps, and Cooperatives.

Mar. 1996 - Feb. 2013 Founder and Executive Director of the not-profit organization **Sustainable Community Initiatives**, dedicated to developing collaborative community projects and public education programs on topics relevant to sustainable community development. Prime efforts included:

- Establishing & operating the **Community Forklift** building material re-use center www.communityforklift.org to create jobs, spur community revitalization, and reduce environmental impacts. Grew business from 3 to 30 staff and annual revenue of \$1.5 million in a net carbon negative 40,000sf facility in Edmonston, MD (CEO from Jan. 2005 - Jun. 2012)
- Administering and teaching a Deconstruction Job Training program for the **YouthBuild Public Charter School** in the Columbia Heights neighborhood of Washington, DC, serving mostly Black & Hispanic young adults seeking a trade and a GED (2010 – 2011). Worker safety practices and entrepreneurship were introduced to the participants in classroom settings and in on-the-job field training involving the removal of a variety of residential structures including single family-detached homes, garden apartments, decks and gazebos.
- Conducting public education programs on **restorative landscaping** techniques, including demonstration residential & commercial rain garden and rain barrel installations for the Summit Fund of Washington, the Spring Creek Foundation, and the DC Dept. of Health (2002-2006)
- Engaging in community outreach on transit-oriented development in neighborhoods near selected Metro Stations for the **Washington Regional Network for Livable Communities** (2001)
- Producing print and online **DC Green Maps** www.fantasymaps.com/greenmap (2000-2002)
- Managing several **Deconstruction Job Training programs** for chronically underemployed adults, funded by an EPA Sustainable Development Challenge grant, various area banks, and the DC Housing Authority (1998-2002); Efforts evolved from the multi-year **Ivy City/Trinidad Community Visioning Project**.

1992-2004 Directing the Architectural firm, **Secret River Design**, dedicated to environmental sensitivity, handicap accessibility, and renewables. Clients included contractors, developers, condominium associations, religious institutions, home owners, non-profit organizations and other architects.

1995 Full-time consulting Project Architect at **W.G. Reed Architecture / Hillier Reed**. Involved with prototype Eco-home development projects in Utah & Colorado. Established relationships with multiple chemically sensitive clientele. Responsible for project management and design on several \$1 Million + church rehabilitation projects and two national chain bookstore renovations.

Selected Activities & Affiliations

2015 – present Leader of the Building Materials Subcommittee of the Zero Waste Committee of the DC Sierra Club

May 2014 – present President and Board Member of **A Thousand Friends of Virginia's Future**, a non-profit promoting more sustainable patterns of land use

Feb. 2014 – April 2016 Member of the **Design Oversight Committee** for the 11th St. Bridge Park Design Competition, selected by DC Councilmember Mendelson to represent Ward 6.

Jan. - Apr. 2013 Subject Matter Expert in Deconstruction Curriculum development for **Junior College District of Metro Kansas City** (a consortium of 3 community colleges).

1996 - 2002 Founder and Steering Committee member of **Citizens Against Trash Transfer Stations**, a city-wide group dedicated to the proper siting and regulation of trash transfer stations, a key environmental justice concern

1996 - 1999 Founding member of **Citizens for Socially Responsible Tax Reform** promoting Green Taxation in Maryland, and Washington, D.C. Projects included promoting the "fee-bate" auto-emissions tax/rebate, energy taxes, and split-rate property taxes.

1994 - 1999 Founding member of the **Metro Washington Community Indicators Project** a citizen-based effort to assess the quality of life in area communities via public issue forums and benchmarking.

1995 - 1999 **Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner 6A04** representing, on an elected basis, 2000 residents of the Capitol Hill neighborhood in Washington, D.C. Elected Vice-Chairman of ANC 6A and acting Chairman of the Zoning and Licensing Committee in 1998.

1994-5 Member of the Housing & Land Use Working Group of the Sustainable Communities Task Force of the Clinton Administration's **President's Council for Sustainable Development**

1991-5 Community Projects Coordinator and Secretary/Treasurer of the **Community Sustainability Resource Institute** (CSRI). Served on the Board of Directors of CSRI for 3 yrs.

1985-97 Founding member of the area chapter of **Architects / Designers / Planners for Social Responsibility** (ADPSR), and chairman from 1987-1992. Served on National Board '90-'95.

Education

"Planning for a Sustainable Region" Course, NOVA, Falls Church, summer 1991

Masters in Architecture, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 1985

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Carleton College, Northfield, MN, 1981

National Honor Society Graduate & Rotary Awardee, Menomonie HS, Menomonie, WI, 1977