

Matt Waina

Master's of the Environment, Urban Resilience & Sustainability
Support driving Businesses into a new age of Sustainability Minded Practices
/ Environmental Regulatory Compliance / Planner and Problem Solver

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SC Labs, Denver, CO July '23 – Nov '23

Laboratory Technician

Sought out this opportunity to learn about compliance in the field of hemp testing, ranging from early-stage R&D product development to quality assurance tests during the production process. Was encouraged to apply my degree in Sustainability.

- Oversaw sample intake and prep, ensuring compliance with QC protocols
- Conducted tests; managed lab maintenance; administered inventory controls
- Identified the need for and created a sustainability initiative approved by the CEO

Pinyon Environmental, Inc., Denver, CO Aug '22 – Jan '23

Sustainability Specialist

Recruited for a newly created role focused on sustainability and resilience of infrastructure projects with Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI) Envision

- Built internal and external client deliverables related to sustainability guidance in business operations
- Delivered public presentations on sustainability services and recommendations for internal and external clients
- Developed documentation related to sustainability reporting frameworks
- Operational and strategic business planning and Stakeholder engagement
- Resilience planning; Climate action and mitigation

INDEPENDENT CONSULTING WORK

Sustainable City Podcast Producer

Lead producer and editor of the sustainable city show.

Schedule, record, edit podcast episodes. Liaison with notable professionals in the sustainability field. Helped brainstorm topics and guide the trajectory of podcast series. Helped get the *Sustainable City Show* published on the accredited *MIT Press Reader*. **Jan '22 – Current**

Independent Research, Dakota Ridge Partners Consulting Firm

Contracted 3rd party independent research for Dakota Ridge Partners Consulting Firm focused on water regulation in arid and semi-arid landscapes.

Innovative case study research that can be modeled across the United States with respect to Urban and Suburban water uses. **May '22 – Oct '22**

Denver International Airport (DEN), Denver, CO Jan '21 – Dec '21

Graduate Sustainability Consultant

Performed research and development of sustainability reporting for Denver International Airport. Regularly presented to key DEN Executives.

- Managed the project management life cycle efforts to facilitate discussions and negotiations with business stakeholders that drive recommendation consensus
- Proficient in Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) standards that guided the report
- Conducted materiality assessment for key reporting topics for DEN
- Mapped United Nations sustainable development goals to DEN operations
- Administered stakeholder engagement interviews with heads of divisions
- Created a sustainability report playbook with clear steps and recommendations

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ Sep '17 – May '20

Independent Graduate Level Arestry Science Research

- Microbiology, Genetics (CRISPR), Ecological Field Studies

HIGHLIGHTS

Pinyon Environmental Inc.:

- Represented Pinyon at *The Engineering Change Lab Summit* in Boulder, CO
- Lead development of an internal sustainability plan
- Provided sustainability guidance for external clientele such as Commerce City, Colorado and Denver International Airport

The University of Colorado Boulder:

- Graduate Assistant to William Shutkin, faculty leader of Urban Resilience and Sustainability specialization at MENV
- Responsible for project planning, scheduling management, contact liaison
- Provided curriculum feedback/design to support lesson planning and focus topics
- Collected and analyzed datasets to write reports and develop presentations
- Served as a representative of the Student Body to MENV faculty

SKILLS

- Project Management
- Systems Thinking
- Sustainability Initiatives
- Scientific Research
- Stakeholder Relationships
- Data Collection & Analysis
- Team Leadership
- Report Development
- Public Speaking
- Time Management
- Listening to hear
- Highly coachable
- Microsoft Office Suite

EDUCATION

Master's of the Environment, Urban Resilience & Sustainability (GPA: 3.9)
Dean's List, The University of Colorado, Boulder – Graduated: Dec. 2021

B.S. Ecology, Evolution, & Natural Resources, Dean's List, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ – Graduated: May 2020