

## Benjamin Gramling

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### Education:

<u>University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee</u> ; Milwaukee, WI Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management	1/04-12/04
<u>University of Wisconsin</u> ; Madison, WI BS Forest Ecology and Management, SAF accredited	9/95-12/97
<u>University of Colorado</u> ; Boulder, CO Undergraduate Coursework, Environmental Conservation	8/93-12/94

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### Professional Experience:

<u>Sixteenth Street Community Health Center</u> ; Milwaukee, WI <i>Sustainable Development Program Manager</i> <i>Environmental Projects Coordinator</i> <i>Assistant Environmental Projects Coordinator</i>	2/05-Present 2/02-2/05 2/01-2/02
<u>Nativity Jesuit Middle School</u> ; Milwaukee, WI <i>Camp Counselor/Volunteer: Milwaukee, Vilas &amp; Iron Counties, Wisconsin</i>	6/99-10/00
<u>Department of Plant Pathology</u> ; Madison, WI <i>University of Wisconsin-Madison</i> <i>Research Assistant: Dane County, Wisconsin</i>	10/98-1/99
<u>Department of Biological Sciences</u> ; Calgary, AB <i>University of Calgary</i> <i>Research Assistant: Prince Albert National Park, Saskatchewan</i>	6/97-8/97
<u>Department of Forest Ecology and Management</u> Madison, WI <i>University of Wisconsin-Madison</i> <i>Research Assistant: Vernon County, Wisconsin</i>	5/96-10/96

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### Relevant Experience:

#### Publications

DeSousa, C., Gramling, B., & K. LeMoine. *Evaluating Progress toward Sustainable Development in Milwaukee's Menomonee River Valley: Linking Brownfield's Redevelopment with Community Quality of Life in Community Quality of Life Indicators: Best Practices III*. International Society for Quality of Life Studies (2007).

DeSousa, C. & B. Gramling. *The Menomonee Valley Benchmarking Initiative: Identifying Priorities, Assessing Conditions and Devising a Sustainable Vision for Milwaukee's Menomonee River Valley*. The Wisconsin Geographer (2003).

McAvoy, P., Driscoll, M. & B. Gramling. *Integrating the Environment, Economy, and Community Health: A Community Health Center's Initiative to Link Health Benefits to Smart Growth*. American Journal of Public Health (2004).

#### Other

Milwaukee River Revitalization Council (3-year term pending Governor's confirmation of nomination)

## **Benjamin J. Gramling** Biographical Outline

Benjamin Gramling currently serves as the Sustainable Development Program Manager for the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center in Milwaukee, WI. The activities he is engaged in complement the agency's delivery of health care and related supportive services by identifying and addressing environmental, economic and public policy factors that have been linked to adverse public health outcomes on Milwaukee's south side.

Through the agency's Department of Environmental Health, Mr. Gramling has worked with public, private and nonprofit sector partners to encourage high quality development in Milwaukee's Menomonee River Valley that meets the economic needs of the community while generating important environmental improvements. He played key roles in developing the Menomonee Valley Sustainable Design Guidelines, staging the 2002 MRV National Design Competition, advancing a regional stormwater management strategy for multiple Valley properties, and is co-director of the Menomonee Valley Benchmarking Initiative, a sustainability indicators project that is tracking the long term impact of Valley redevelopment activities.

In 2004, Mr. Gramling helped transition the Department's focus from the Menomonee Valley to Milwaukee's Kinnickinnic River Corridor, and led the development of the 2005 Kinnickinnic River Corridor Action Plan. Since that time, Mr. Gramling has led the agency's effort to implement a number of the activities contained within that plan. Most notably, he led the organization of a fall 2006 Community Design Charrette that drew significant attention to the development of the Kinnickinnic River Trail, a City of Milwaukee project, and is working with a broad partnership to evaluate the long term feasibility of removing concrete lining from the Kinnickinnic River and rehabilitating the channel into a more natural urban river corridor. In addition to working on key infrastructure improvement projects along the Kinnickinnic River Corridor, Mr. Gramling oversees the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center's community-based Environmental Health Education Project. This project develops and delivers bilingual education and outreach activities that are working to raise the level of environmental awareness among south side residents, many of which are low- to moderate-income immigrants from Mexico, Puerto Rico and Central America.

Mr. Gramling also provides strategic oversight to the Department's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, a family-based outreach program that offers direct service to families affected by lead poisoning. This program, carried out in concert with initiatives administered by the Milwaukee Health Department and others, has helped decrease the childhood lead poisoning prevalence rate on Milwaukee's south side from nearly 40% in the mid 1990's to approximately 6% in 2007.

Prior to joining the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center, Mr. Gramling traveled extensively throughout Central America. He holds a B.S. in Natural Resource Management from the University of Wisconsin-Madison's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and a Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.