



## ELLEN CAMPFIELD NELSON PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2004-present *Associate Planner*  
Agnew :: Beck Consulting, LLC  
Manage projects, research issues, facilitate meetings and design strategies for public involvement for community planning and development firm
- 2001-2004 *Project Manager + Graphic Designer*  
DC Design and Consulting, Inc.  
Managed projects related to print media, web media and other types of marketing and publicity; Consulted on design development
- 1997-2001 *Teacher*  
Puffin Heights Montessori School  
Instructed 30 students in areas of language, science, math and art according to principles of Montessori teaching method

## REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS

- 2007-present *Planner*  
Port MacKenzie Rail Extension Alternatives Analysis : : Brian Lindamood, Alaska Railroad, 907.265.3095; Research and analyze demographic data, land use plans, community council documents and other social environment factors influencing the location of possible rail extensions from the main Alaska Railroad line to Port MacKenzie; A : B subcontracted with the lead consultant, HDR Alaska
- 2007 *Public Involvement*  
Homer Comprehensive Plan Update : : Beth McKibben, City of Homer, 907.235.3106  
Created a public involvement and outreach strategy for the project including radio spots, newspaper advertisements, project website, press releases and related communications materials; Devised mechanisms for meaningful public participation such as Community Advisory Committee, meetings with special interest groups and a very well-attended Community Workshop
- 2004-2006 *Planner*  
Trapper Creek Comprehensive Plan : : Murph O'Brien or Eileen Probasco, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, 907.746.7431; Managed project to assist Trapper Creek community in creating their comprehensive plan; Conducted interviews, hold meetings and workshops, tour community in order to maximize public participation and community-wide input; Assisted Trapper Creek Planning Team in developing draft plans for community review
- 2005 *Project Manager*  
Levelock Watershed Community Planning Project : : Howard Nelson, Levelock Village Council, 907.287.3030; Facilitated two community workshops identifying issues and needs for Levelock's watershed; Researched watershed-related issues; Assisted community in prioritizing projects and communicating with funders and agency regulators to address community concerns and accomplish project goals; Produced summary report

- 2004-2005 *Planner + Project Coordinator*  
Bristol Bay Community Planning Project : : Joan McCoy, The Foraker Group, 206.473.2663  
Assisted the villages of Manokotak and Twin Hills in writing their Comprehensive Plans;  
Work with villages to identify issues, goals and action plans; Visited villages to survey area,  
talked with residents and attend public meetings and workshops; Refined and updated  
Community Planning Guidebook
- 2004-2005 *Planner*  
Meadow Lakes Community Council Area Comprehensive Plan : : Murph O'Brien or Eileen  
Probasco, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, 907.746.7431; Assisted in researching, writing  
comprehensive plan with Meadow Lakes community; Facilitated meetings and workshops,  
including special topic sessions addressing priority issues such as trails; Coordinated public  
participation; Specialized in recreation, trails, parks and open space planning
- 2004-2005 *Planner*  
Y Community Council Area Comprehensive Plan : : Murph O'Brien or Eileen Probasco,  
Matanuska-Susitna Borough, 907.746.7431; Assisted in researching, writing comprehensive  
plan with YCC Area community; Facilitated meetings and workshops; Developed education  
materials and promote public participation; Specialized in recreation, trails, parks and open  
space planning
- 2004-2005 *Planner*  
Crow Creek Neighborhood Plan : : Robin Ward, Municipality of Anchorage, Heritage Land  
Bank, 907.345.4110; Designed program of public participation for neighborhood plan in  
Girdwood; Assisted in planning research; Developed workshop, advertising, and educational  
materials

## EDUCATION

- 2000 *American Montessori Society Teaching Credential*  
Montessori Institute of the Pacific Northwest, Seattle University, Seattle, Washington
- 1996 *Classical Studies Graduate program*  
State University of New York at Buffalo, Amherst, New York  
Presidential Fellowship, Teaching Assistantship, Student Government Treasurer
- 1994 *Bachelor of Arts in History with English minor*  
University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio  
Magna cum laude, University Honors Program, President's Scholarship, Rhulman Award for  
Creative Writing, Public Relations Fellowship

## VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES + AFFILIATIONS

- 2008 *Co-presenter "If We Build it, Do We Really Want Them to Come?" cultural tourism in Alaska native communities* : : American Planning Association National Conference in Las Vegas, NV
- 2007 *Certified Charrette Planner* : : National Charrette Institute
- 2007 *Volunteer coach and evaluator* : : Alaska Marketplace
- 2006-present *Member* : : American Planning Association, Indigenous Planning Division
- 2005-present *Board Member* : : Anchorage Urban League
- 2005 *Co-presenter "From Planning to Action in Rural Alaska"* : : American Planning Association  
National Conference in San Francisco, CA
- 2001-present *Volunteer Graphic Artist* : : Develop marketing materials for nonprofit organizations and start-up businesses

## AWARDS + COMMENDATIONS

- 2007 *Certificate of Appreciation* : : Alaska Marketplace
- 2004 *Excellence in Communication and Graphic Design Award* : : Graphic Design USA