



# IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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### YEARS IN THE PLANNING/ BUILDING INDUSTRY:

Six

### TIME AT MCKENNA:

Nearly two years

### WHERE I'M FROM:

I am originally from East Michigan, where I graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a degree in Urban and Regional Planning with a minor in GIS. Shortly after graduation, I moved to West Michigan, where I've been ever since.

### ONE PLACE I'D LIKE TO GO:

I'd really love to go to Hawaii!

### SOMETHING IMPORTANT I'M WORKING ON NOW:

Over the last month or so, I have been working very closely with Kalamazoo Township in their Planning and Zoning Department. It's been really fun and exciting getting to know the community and helping out with current (and ongoing) projects.

### WHY I LOVE WHAT I DO:

I love that every day is different and I am always learning something new. I love having the opportunity to work with the general public and community leaders to help turn plans into reality!

### A FAVORITE PLACE I'VE BEEN:

In the United States, my favorite place I've traveled to is the San Francisco Bay area. I really loved northern California in general. Outside of the U.S., my favorite destinations have been Bath, England and Rome, Italy.

### ONE OF MY FAVORITE WEBSITES / PODCASTS:

Lately, I've been listening to a lot of the podcast, "Crime Junkie."

### MY ADVICE TO FUTURE PLANNING / BUILDING PROFESSIONALS:

Don't be afraid to ask questions, and always remember the importance of peer review.

### ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE ME:

Empath

### MY MOST MEMORABLE PROJECT/CLIENT TO-DATE:

Hard to pick just one! To date, I would say that one of my most memorable projects is the Holland Township Comprehensive Plan. That was the first project I worked on from start to finish during my time at McKenna.



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