

Application Form

Profile

Prefix	Camryn	R	Raynes	Suffix
	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	

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Email Address

407 11th St, Grottoes, Virginia 24441	
Home Address	Suite or Apt

GROTTOES	VA	24441
City	State	Postal Code

How many years have you been a resident of Harrisonburg?

4 years during college

Home: (540) 908-7008	
Primary Phone	Alternate Phone

James Madison University	Lead Zone Environmentalist
Employer	Job Title

Demographics - (Submission of this information if voluntary and will not subject you to any adverse treatment should you chose to not complete)

Ethnicity

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Female

What is your age?

☒ 18-30 years old

Are you reapplying for a current position you hold? *

☒ No

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Environmental Performance Standards Committee (EPSAC): Eligible

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I am interested in serving on this board to make a positive impact on the future of my community and to better support the students at James Madison University through my work. I also hope to strengthen my knowledge and skills by engaging in thoughtful discussions with individuals from diverse backgrounds and disciplines. Most importantly, I want to contribute to a collaborative group dedicated to creating a more sustainable and ecologically resilient city.

What other interests or concerns do you have regarding the community?

My primary interest within the community is transforming more areas into native green spaces. With an educational background in Ecology and my current role at James Madison University, I have gained valuable experience in designing and maintaining pollinator-friendly habitats. Creating spaces that provide food and shelter for local pollinators is essential in a city that continues to grow and urbanize. I am passionate about fostering a balance where community and nature can coexist harmoniously, and I would greatly value an opportunity to contribute my efforts toward that goal. Another area of interest for me is improving waste and water management within our city. Through my work on JMU's grounds, I have observed firsthand the impacts of flooding and runoff after major storms. I believe it is critical to focus on implementing environmentally sound infrastructure—such as porous pavement and bioswales near storm drains—to help manage runoff and protect local waterways. Advocating for these types of sustainable solutions is something I am eager to advance within the community.

What relevant experience or education do you have to this board or commission?

I graduated from James Madison University in 2020 with a degree in Biology and a focus in Ecology. In 2024 I served on the Appalachian Conservation corps and worked on numerous conservation projects within the George Washington National Forest and The Shenandoah National Park. Some of the projects included habitat degradation prevention, erosion control, invasive species management, and historical building restoration. Currently, I am a Lead Zone Environmentalist on JMU's campus. My responsibilities include sustainable landscape design, shrub and tree health monitoring for our campus tree initiative, and propagating as well as managing our greenhouse.

Please list any past or present community involvement e.g. City Council, Boards and Commissions, Citizen Academy, etc. in Harrisonburg or elsewhere:

I served on the Appalachian Conservation Corps and am currently in the process of receiving my Master Gardener's certification through the Virginia Extension Cooperative.

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Upload a Resume

EPSAC Applicants only

Question applies to Environmental Performance Standards Committee (EPSAC)

City Council is seeking EPSAC members to represent broad stakeholder interests within the city. If you will be participating on the EPSAC as a representative of a business, group, or organization, please provide the name of the business, group, or organization and indicate what stakeholder category the group represents. If more than one, please list all. A. Residents, civic leagues, homeowners associations. B. Institutional and tax exempt entities including colleges and churches. C. Business community including residential, commercial and industrial property owners, malls, and business groups. D. Professional engineers, real estate developers, and construction contractors. E. Special interest groups that represent economic development, environmental or outdoor recreation. F. Others, education professionals from the local schools and city staff: PLEASE CHOOSE ONE FROM THE DROP DOWN BOX *

☒ B: Institutional and tax exempt entities including colleges and churches\,

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Name of business, group or organization you would represent?

James Madison University

Bike/Pedestrian Subcommittee Applicants only

Camryn Renee Raynes
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Professional Summary

Dedicated environmental professional with hands-on experience in sustainable landscape management, ecological restoration, and environmental education. Strong background in conservation, plant health monitoring, and community engagement. Committed to advancing sustainable and science-based environmental performance practices within the Harrisonburg region.

Relevant Experience

James Madison University – *Lead Zone Environmentalist*
Harrisonburg, VA | 2014–2018, 2024–Present

- Lead campus-wide landscape operations, ensuring sustainable maintenance of diverse ecosystems.
- Supervise and train a 4-person crew on safety, plant health, and Integrated Vegetation Management.
- Develop sustainable planting schemes and maintain over 20 landscaped areas for long-term ecological resilience.
- Partner with local greenhouses to ensure sustainable plant sourcing and cost efficiency.
- Monitor tree and shrub health, overseeing pruning and safety operations in public spaces.

Appalachian Conservation Corps – *Crew Member*
Shenandoah National Park, VA | 2024

- Supported conservation initiatives across national forests and parks, including habitat restoration and watershed protection.
- Executed erosion control, sustainable trail maintenance, and forest health assessments.
- Partnered with NPS, Department of Forestry, and HistoriCorps on historic preservation and environmental education projects.
- Presented conservation education to community stakeholders and national representatives.

Dye Happy – *Co-Owner*
Grottoes, VA | 2021–2024

- Co-managed operations for an eco-focused apparel brand, emphasizing sustainability and community education.
- Led workshops and environmental education programs for children and adults.
- Built partnerships with local businesses to support environmentally responsible entrepreneurship.
- Managed marketing and digital presence promoting sustainable practices to 10,000+ followers.

Education

James Madison University – *Bachelor of Science, Biology (Ecology Focus)*
Harrisonburg, VA | 2020

- Monitored forest health within the Edith J. Carrier Arboretum.
- Conducted research on carbon sequestration rates across Harrisonburg neighborhoods.

Certifications

- Registered Pesticide Technician (RT)
- Master Gardener, Virginia Cooperative Extension
- Public Land Corps Noncompetitive Hiring Authority

Key Skills

- Sustainable Land & Vegetation Management
- Ecological Restoration & Conservation Practices
- Environmental Education & Community Outreach
- Team Leadership & Project Coordination
- Data Collection & Environmental Monitoring