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## Profile

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<u>WA State Recreation and Conservation Office - Grants Manager</u> Occupation		

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## Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee: Submitted

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**If you applied for multiple boards or commissions, please rank them in order of interest below.**

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**Select Your Neighborhood (you must live within Olympia City limits to serve on a board or commission) \***

☒ Ward Lake Heights

If you choose "other" please write in your neighborhood here:

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## Interests & Experiences

Question applies to multiple boards

Please keep answers concise and informative. You are introducing yourself to the Olympia City Council and sharing with them why you are interested in being considered for appointment. Olympia residency is not required; however, it is a primary consideration. You may attach a resume.

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**1. Briefly describe why you wish to serve on this advisory committee.**

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I love Olympia's parks! Whether I am playing tennis at Kettle View Park, walking my dog at Watershed Park or Priest Point Park, playing soccer with my kids or on a trail run at LBA Park, strolling along the waterfront at Percival Landing, or bicycling on the Woodland Trail, I don't only love the parks, my family and I use them. I love this community and want to help the parks system continue to grow and to be developed or renovated in a way that meets the needs of the those that call Olympia home. I believe I can bring a wealth of statewide knowledge of parks and have great motivation to make our park system the best it can be.

Question applies to multiple boards

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**2. Describe your qualifications and/or skills which would benefit this advisory committee.**

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I work for the Washington State Recreation and Conservation (RCO) office as a grants manager. I cover ten counties across the state and all of the jurisdictions within those counties in helping to fund important park and conservation projects using the 15 grant programs that RCO offers. I am an advocate for parks and see how important they are in building healthy and sustainable communities. It is my hope that my knowledge of working with park districts and local governments across the state would be an asset to this board. Previous to working in parks, I spent over a decade as a biologist for WDFW acting primarily as a Wildlife Area Manager. Directly managing land for conservation and access is another skill that I will bring to this board.

Question applies to multiple boards

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**3. Describe your involvement in the Olympia community.**

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I have been a recreational and competitive soccer coach in Olympia for nearly 10 years. This has allowed me to interact with a wide range of the community through coaching youth in the great sport of soccer. It has also allowed me to spend considerable amounts of time on Olympia Parks property.

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**4. List your educational and professional background and area of study.**

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I have a BA in Environmental Studies from Prescott College in AZ. I worked as a seasonal and career seasonal employee for the US Forest Service and National Park Service for many years and have travelled and lived in most of the western states before landing in Olympia where I plan to stay! Please see resume for more detailed work experience.

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**5. Appointment to this committee will require your attendance at evening meetings. How many hours per month are you willing to commit as a volunteer?**

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1-2 meetings per month for 2-3 hours per meeting

Question applies to multiple boards

**6. If you are not appointed to this committee at this time:**

Question applies to multiple boards

**6a. Do you wish to be considered for appointment to another advisory committee?**

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

**6c. Would you be willing to volunteer for other City activities?**

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

**If you answered yes to 6a, please identify what other Advisory Committees you would be interested in being considered for in order of interest.**

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Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Planning Review Board

Question applies to multiple boards

**6b. Do you wish to be considered for future appointment to this committee?**

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

**7. Some appointments require that applicants reside within Olympia city limits. Even though your mailing address may be Olympia, you may reside in the County or another jurisdiction. Are you a resident of the City of Olympia?**

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

**8. Citizens appointed to advisory committees are assigned and required to use a City email address for all advisory committee business.**

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**Do you agree to comply with this expectation?**

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☒ I Agree \*

Question applies to multiple boards

## 9. How did you learn about this advisory committee recruitment?

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Website

[Kyle\\_Guzlas-Resume.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

Question applies to multiple boards

Applications are accepted for the calendar year only. The Olympia City Council's General Government Committee recommends appointments to the full Council. Recommendations are made following review of applications and an interview of qualified candidates.

For further information, contact Susan Grisham, Executive Assistant, 360.753.8244, [sgrisham@ci.olympia.wa.us](mailto:sgrisham@ci.olympia.wa.us)

When filed with the City, your application and attachment documents are public records and may be subject to public release.

**The City of Olympia is committed to the non-discriminatory treatment of all persons in employment and the delivery of services and resources.**

# Kyle Guzlas

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*Dynamic, creative and positive professional with over 20 years of experience in natural resource and recreation management. Proven record of strong leadership and project development and management. Adept at working with a broad range of organizations and political subdivisions to achieve project and program goals and desired outcomes. Professional strengths and qualities include; habitat and public access plan development, grant development and management, policy research and analysis, stakeholder outreach and administration, project management and facilitation.*

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## **FORMAL EDUCATION**

**Bachelor of Arts in Environmental and Cultural Studies 2000 – Prescott College, AZ**  
**Project Management Certificate – South Puget Sound Community College (in-progress)**

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office, 2013 to Present**  
**Outdoor Grants Manager**

Management of recreation and conservation grants for all local and non-profit jurisdictions within 10 counties in Washington State and the City of Seattle. Consults and coordinates with state, federal, and local governments, conservation districts non-profit organizations, tribes, RFEG, private landowners, private consultants, and project applicants. Active grant management of approximately 60 projects and responsible for developing and monitoring compliance with projects agreements for all grant programs. Program lead for Youth Athletic Facilities and Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account grant programs. Project team member for the development of the new Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).

**Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, Montesano, WA - 2011 to 2013**  
**Wildlife Area Manager (Biologist 3)**

Direct habitat and public access management at South Puget Sound and North Olympic Wildlife Areas. Production of wildlife area plans and updates. Facilitation and management of stakeholders through Citizen Advisory Groups. Grant application and management for habitat restoration, land acquisition and public access development projects. Contract and budget management. Working knowledge of environmental permitting procedures. Supervision of Natural Resource Workers and Technicians.

**Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, Montesano, WA - 2004 to 2011**  
**Special Projects Biologist (Biologist 2)**

Ecological restoration and enhancement project development and management throughout WDFW's Region 6. Grant application and management. Successful grants include Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP), Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA), North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grants (NAWCA), USFWS Coastal Wetland Grants, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Grants, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, Wildlife Enhancement Incentive Program (NRCS), Migratory Bird Stamp, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Lower Columbia River Restoration Program Funds). Coordinate with federal, state and local agencies, NGO's, and private landowners to achieve restoration project objectives on state and privately owned lands.

**Washington State Department of Ecology, Olympia, WA - 2000 to 2002 and 2003 to 2004**  
**Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) Crew Supervisor**

Supervise and manage all aspects of a six-person environmental restoration crew. Facilitate personal and professional development for crewmembers. Example projects; trail construction and maintenance, forestry thinning, wetland restoration and planting, campground development and maintenance, and emergency response.

**US Forest Service – Wasatch Ranger District, Kamas, UT - 1996 to 1998**  
**Forestry Technician**

Seasonal trail crews in the Uinta Mountain Range, assistant crewleader. Backcountry and front-country trail construction and maintenance. New trail construction, structure replacement and renovation (bridges, puncheon, turnpikes, steps, crib-walls, etc.).

**Earlier Positions:**

- **Saguaro National Park, Tucson, AZ** (2002 to 2003)  
Biological Science Technician (Plants)
- **Sierra Club, Phoenix, AZ** (2000)  
Legislative Internship
- **California Conservation Corps, Klamath, CA** (1995 to 1996)  
Corpsmember

**HONORS**

- WDFW Region 6 "Manager" of the Year Award
- WDFW 2011 Region 6 "Public Service" Award - work on Lower Dungeness Access
- WDFW 2009 State-Wide Innovator of the Year Award
- Lands Division Award, 2009 - Olympic/Johns River Salvage and Thinning Project
- WDFW Region 6 - 2008 Innovator of the Year