

ALEX RAMEL

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*Sustainability Planning,
Greenhouse Gas
Management, Greenhouse
Gas Emission Inventories,
Local Climate Action
Plans*

Education

BA, Environmental Policy and Planning
Huxley College of the Environment, Western Washington University
Bellingham, WA |2005

GPA: 3.9. Magma cum Laude

Recipient of the 2005 Dean's Distinguished Student Award

Presentations

Featured speaker at the following conferences:

June 2008. Greenhouse Gas Inventory Panel Discussion. U.S. EPA, 17th Annual International Emission Inventory Conference. Portland, OR

May 2008. Emissions Inventory Milestone Workshop. ICLEI Annual Membership Conference 2008. Albuquerque, NM

November 2008, 2007 and 2006. Annual Report. Kulshan Community Land Trust Annual Membership Meetings. Bellingham, WA

Profile

Alex Ramel has extensive experience in greenhouse gas management and sustainability planning at the local government and community levels. He has helped dozens of local governments, including New York City, conduct baseline greenhouse gas emissions inventories. He was one of the lead authors of the Local Government Greenhouse Gas Protocol which is the nationally recognized standard for emissions quantification. He has developed or supported the development of many local climate action plans, identifying the most effective steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. He also brings experience implementing a variety of climate protection strategies including the EPA's most successful green power community challenge and oversight of a national award winning LEED for Homes pilot project.

Experience

Sustainable Connections *Bellingham, WA | 2008 - Present* *Energy and Policy Manager*

Coordinating with city and county government and local development community to promote smart growth and green building policies. Co-developing a community energy efficiency challenge to significantly increase interest in energy efficiency, provide access to effective funding, reliable workmanship and long-term tracking for both businesses and residential participants. Developing and administering a resource conservation management program to be shared by a group of small businesses.

Local Governments for Sustainability | 2007-2008 *Senior Program Officer, ICLEI*

Managed multiple grants and projects with budgets in excess of \$200,000 annually. Co-authored emissions analysis protocols. Provided technical assistance and training to local governments on methods of quantifying GHG emission levels and reductions, as well as the use of ICLEI GHG quantification software tools. Co-developed ICLEI's sustainability and climate programs, software tools and publications. Maintained a database of local government GHG inventories and actions to reduce emissions. Researched electricity, fuels, land use, and waste-related climate protection strategies for city and county governments. Organized national and local conferences, software training workshops and policy meetings. Consulted with and presented to city, county and other government staff.

Department of Public Works *City of Bellingham, WA | 2005-2007* *Program Assistant*

Proposed and implemented the Cities for Climate Protection program. Developed a baseline greenhouse gas emissions inventory. Coordinated with stakeholders to develop a citywide greenhouse gas emissions reduction plan. Organized Bellingham's Green Power Community Challenge campaign. Provided input on ordinances, resolutions and City programs relevant to climate change.

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Leadership

2006 – Present
Whatcom Conservation
Voters, Board of Directors

2006
Roosevelt Neighborhood
Association, Board of
Directors (elected)

Mayor's Office City of New York New York | 2007

Independent Analyst

Supported Mayor's Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability staff as part of the development of PlaNYC. Verified accuracy of previous research and completed baseline green house gas emissions inventory.

ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability | 2006

Program Coordinator

Coordinated Implementation of the Cities for Climate Protection program in 9 local governments. Oversaw the work of five graduate and undergraduate interns. Coordinated emissions inventory and greenhouse gas action planning with permanent staff and policy makers.

LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kulshan Community Land Trust, Board of Trustees (elected) | 2004-Present

- President of the Board: selected for leadership in 2006
- Oversaw two major housing development projects each with budgets of more than \$3,000,000
- Guided the development of the organization's 5 year strategic plan
- Served as a member to the Finance Committee 2004-Present
- Chaired the Resale Formula Review Committee, 2005
- Supported and participated in major donor fundraising

Key Accomplishments

- Co-developed and implemented the Bellingham Green Power Community Challenge which the U.S. EPA identified as the most successful effort of its type in the country
- Co-Authored Local Government Operations Protocol (greenhouse gas quantification standard) which has been adopted and is now employed by ICLEI, California Climate Action Registry, The Climate Action Registry and California's Air Resources Board
- Participated in the completion of the widely respected 30-year sustainability plan for New York City, PlaNYC
- Oversaw development of Kulshan CLT's Matthei Place, a \$3,000,000 project to build 14 permanently affordable homes, meeting multiple environmental building standards – including LEED for Homes. The project was recently awarded a \$25,000 national prize by the Home Depot Foundation
- Managed ICLEI's Clean Air and Climate Protection Software training program, educating hundreds of local government staff about greenhouse gas emissions inventories
- Initiated Bellingham's Cities for Climate Protection Program
- Authored Bellingham's Local Climate Action Plan and proposed emissions reduction target
- Coordinated the Northwest Climate Action Planning Project; results include Whatcom County government and Skagit Council of Governments both initiating a resource conservation management program