

# Tree Citizen Advisory Panel

*Advisory Board Interest Form*

## Candidate Contact Information

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**Legal Name**

Veronika Maynard-Simon

**Preferred First Name**

Veronika

**Address**

607, Apex, North Carolina 27502

**Email**

**Mobile Phone**

**Alternate Phone (work/home)**

**Do you live within the Apex town limits?**

Yes

## Background Information

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**Current Employer**

North Carolina State University

**Current Job Title**

Graduate Student

**Tell us why you would like to serve?**

I love trees and I have considerable knowledge of trees through my own research. Trees and forests are a natural solutions for many problems we have to tackle to create a healthy environment for Apex. Some of these problems are: storm water runoff, urbanization, water availability, species extinction, and urban heat islands.

We must preserve our current urban canopy and plant more trees to become resilient against the current hazards.

**Please list any education, special skills, or experience you have that would be useful while considering this form.**

Graduate Student for Climate Change & Society NC State University

Remote Sensing through GIS software: ArcGIS Desktop, ArcGIS Pro: classification of urban tree canopy/urban development

Knowledge and application of nature-based solutions (green infrastructure practices)

Interned for Leaf & Limb this summer and I have learned so much about trees, nursery management, tree identification, seed collection. I am planning to start my own tree nursery for Apex tree plantings. I suggested Leaf & Limb to Mark as a contractor for the Plant the Peak program.

Member of the Apex Community Coalition Preservation subcommittee to increase native plants, pollinator gardens, community gardens, trees, and nature-based solutions for the healthy ecosystem of Apex.

**If you now serve, or have previously served on any town boards, commissions or committees, please list the committees and dates served.**

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