



# TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH

## Appointed Boards Application

If you are a Town of Hillsborough resident and willing to volunteer your time and expertise to your community, please complete this form. Volunteers for the Parks and Recreation Board must be at least 13 years old, and volunteers for all other boards must be at least 18 years old.

The town strives to reflect the diversity of its residents in the makeup of its boards. Demographics and residence location are considered during the appointment process.

**First name (required):**

Brian

**Last name (required):**

Mayell

**Home address (required):**

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**Home phone number:**

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**Email address (required):**

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**Place of employment:**

Retired

**Job title:**

**Birth date (required):**

Feb. 12, 1955

**Gender (required):**

Male

**Ethnic origin (check all that apply) (required):**

White

**First choice (required):**

Tree Board

**Second choice (required):**

None

**Third choice (required):**

None

**Reasons for wanting to serve (required):**

I am retired with work experience in community forestry, nursery tree production, and conservation of natural areas, and wish to remain active as a volunteer using skills and experience gained in those areas of employment.

**Have you served or are you currently serving on a town board? If so, which ones and when? (required)?**

I am not currently serving on a town board and have not served previously on a town board.

**Relevant work, volunteer or educational experience (required):**

15 years work experience in community forestry: Boise Community Forestry unit, Boise, ID; and Casey Trees, Washington, DC

Conservation Manager, Kinloch Farm, The Plains, VA

Volunteer planting of 1000 trees and shrubs along the Riverwalk with Tree Board volunteers: winter 2024

**How are you connected to Hillsborough (live, work, play, shop, own property) (required)?**

We shop in Hillsborough, frequent restaurants, and visit natural areas. I volunteer regularly with the Tree Board and attend Tree Board meetings.

**Have you reviewed the Vision 2030 plan, and what are your thoughts about it (required)?**

I've reviewed portions of the Comprehensive Sustainability Plan, especially Chapter 5, Environment and Natural Systems. I endorse the smart growth perspective of preservation of open space, sustainability across all town departments, diversity/equity/inclusion, and detailed ecological initiatives in public spaces and natural areas. The town should be applauded for producing such a comprehensive, detailed, and forward-looking document. It must have been a lot of work.

**Have you reviewed other town documents (budget, strategy map, small area plans), and what are your thoughts about them?**

Tree Protection Standards, Hillsborough Trees Ordinance, Bellevue Branch Watershed Improvement Plan

I'm eager to continue the Tree Board volunteer effort of managing non-native invasive species and tree planting along the Riverwalk, and expand those efforts to Bellevue Branch.

As a retired nursery professional with urban forestry experience I think I can advise the town in tree planting and maintenance practices in its parks. Proper and timely pruning of juvenile trees to create sound branch structure is a particular interest.

**What challenges do you see the town facing that could be addressed by the board or boards on which you wish to serve (required)?**

Control of non-native invasive species in natural areas will be an on-going challenge, especially in riparian areas that need native plantings to promote bank stabilization, especially with the likelihood of extreme storm events and flooding in a climate-changed future. Town-wide tree planting to increase tree canopy will help mitigate heat-island effects and storm water runoff. Engaging with partner agencies and towns to identify and connect wildlife corridors will be a challenge with rapid growth in the Triangle region.

**How did you hear about this opportunity (required)?**

Current volunteer

**Check the box to confirm (required):**

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