



Citizen Advisory Board Application - Sustainability Committee

Complete and submit this application to be considered for a seat on the Sandpoint Sustainability Committee.

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Sandpoint Sustainability Committee, a City of Sandpoint volunteer citizen advisory board. We appreciate your desire to serve our city in this capacity and look forward to reviewing your application. For more information, including qualifications for serving on this Committee, please visit [Chapter 7 of Title 2, Sandpoint City Code](#).

Applicant Information

First Name: *

Nicholas

Last Name: *

Belfry

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Postal / Zip Code

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Employment and Volunteer History

Please upload a copy of your resume or any additional information relevant to your application.

Upload your
Resume or
Curriculum Vitae *

[Resume for Nicholas Belfry.pdf](#)

103.32KB

Please relay any
add'l information
regarding your
experience or
background and the
reason(s) you wish
to serve in this
capacity: *

Before moving to Sandpoint, I used to bring the brush I generated from landscape and pruning work to a farmer that had created a composting operation on his small family farm. I was surprised by the way that his small business gave local people a convenient and cheap place to get rid of their yard waste, turned that waste into a valuable product, and returned that valuable product to those same local people. There are few examples of this kind of closed loop in our economy

I agree that monitoring and regulating pollutants is an important part of a sustainably managed community, but I think that there's more to it. I think that another essential part of a community's sustained prosperity are the kinds of closed loops that I witnessed on that small farm. In my work, I support local food systems by helping people keep their yard ecosystems, and in particular their fruit trees, healthy. The fruit is entirely produced, consumed, and recycled right here. Locally produced fruit feeds local people and animals, fertilizes local soil, and helps to foster a local culture of cuisine and traditions like our annual Apple Festival downtown. In addition to advising the city on pollutants, I think my specific role on this advisory board would be to help the city to support local manufacturing and recycling businesses in order to emulate and reproduce the positive effects of closed loops like local composting and local food systems.

Nicholas C. Belfry

Sandpoint Idaho, 83864

My personal goal is to help build a stronger, more resilient and sustainable community. I hope to pursue this by working with others to create and support systems for local recycling, manufacturing, and food production. I believe that the first step towards a sustainable community is to encourage local production and pursue greater local control of capital through tools like community investment funds and promotion of local businesses.

Work Experience:

Ooh La La Arboriculture and Fine Pruning

Co-Owner/Operator

- Communicate with clients at every stage from onboarding through follow up after payment
- Find creative solutions that allow for plants and people to share space
- Care for health and maintenance of all types of plants at every stage of plant lifecycles
- Stay educated on current industry best practices and relevant developing scientific research
- Bookkeeping, including purchasing, billing, and taxes

We Love Worms LLC

Co-Owner/Operator

- Build systems to attract clients, gather their food waste, and turn that waste into compost
- Perform research in order to understand the composting process and composting systems
- Educate interested community members about the benefits of local food waste collection, compost production, and use

Clark Horticultural

Supervisor: Gordon Clark

Landscaper/Assistant Horticulturalist

- Maintain private and commercial landscapes for plant health, function, and aesthetics
- Prune trees of all sizes for health, safety and beauty
- Maintain and improve equipment including vehicles, mowers, and other tools
- Help train new employees
- Facilitate client goals through efficient and effective communication
- Lead ground operations for large pruning and removal projects

Pacific Rim Log Scaling and Grading

Bureau Supervisor: Dave VanAusdle

Senior Scaler

- Inspect and assess hardwood and softwood logs to determine species, volume, defects, and quality of manufacture
- Provide unbiased information and assessments as a third party to timber deals
- Build relationships with customers in order to build trust and create clear channels of communication

Idaho Department of Fish and Game Supervisor:

Bruce Barnett

Fisheries Technician

- Operate, maintain and repair screw-type fish traps
- Identify, anesthetize, measure, and inject target juvenile fish with PIT tags
- Conduct stream-side Chinook spawning surveys using GPS
- Locate, measure, collect and record samples from and Chinook carcasses
- Accurately transcribe large amounts of data into digital formats

Education:

Oregon State University

Graduated 2008, Cum Laude

Zoology Major

Chemistry Minor

Provost Scholar

GPA 3.55, Honor Roll

International study-abroad program (GAIAS- Ecuador and Galapagos Islands)

Ketchikan High School

Graduated 2005, Honor roll

GPA 3.8

Inducted into National Honor Society

Top Senior Award

Presidential Academic Award

Community Involvement:

Blacksmithing teacher for the Kaniksu Folk School

Friends of the Pend d'Oreille Bay Trail Board Member (formerly)

Clallam County Search and Rescue

Eagle Scout Award