**Proposal Title:** Assessing the Value of Green Infrastructure within Minnesota’s Water Infrastructure Funding Shortfall

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**Terin Mayer** comes to academia with over 10 years of nonprofit and academic project management experience. In his nonprofit work he has successfully built high-functioning teams, managing a group of 20 volunteers that coordinated another 150 people in civic engagement activities. He was also a project manager for the Climate Impact Lab, a multi-university research collaborative, where he helped coordinate four professors and a team of 20 full and part time research staff.

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