**Project Manager Qualifications and Organization Description**

**Organization Description:** The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR)’smission is to work with citizens to conserve and manage the state’s natural resources, toprovide outdoor recreation opportunities, and to provide for commercial uses of naturalresources in a way that creates a sustainable quality of life.

**Project Responsibilities:** The project manager will be responsible for providing overall program management and technical direction for the project; directing project staff, contracting for professional services and grant contracts in support of the program; coordinating with project partners; preparing and submitting work plans, updates and final reports.

**Project Manager:** Valerie McClannahan

**Education**

**Bachelor of Science, Horticulture** *Graduated December 2011*

Emphasis on Sustainable Agriculture, Minor in Urban Forestry University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN

**Master of Education** *Graduated December 2016*

Emphasis on Adult Education University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN

**Qualifications**

**Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator** *11/2018-Present*

*Minnesota Department of Forest Resources, St. Paul, MN*

Ensure shade tree and community forest resources are maintained and managed to enhance the physical, social and economic well-being of the state's communities.

**Senior Planner – Urban and Community Forestry Program and Grant Manager** *03/2016-11/2018*

*Minnesota Department of Forest Resources, St. Paul, MN*

Assist the Statewide Urban and Community Forestry programs within the Division of Forestry in project and grant management.

**Volunteer and Program Coordinator** 0*1/2012-03/2016*

*University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN*

Built relationships with municipalities, non-profits, UMN Extension, and Soil and Water Conservation districts and coordinated input to develop unique programs and education courses that enhanced community forests statewide.

**Committee Work**

**Minnesota Society of Arboriculture**

President, manager of staff and agency liaisons *01/2018-Present*

Vice President, manager of Programs and Education *01/2015-12/2017*

Work collaboratively to advance the practice, science, and technology of tree care through education.