

Natural Capital Development

ecological services, conservation consulting and project management

Staff Resume: Cynthia Ramseur
Title: President and Co-Founder

Specialization

Cynthia Ramseur has designed and directed community-based conservation initiatives for the past eight years. Her focused approach has resulted in consistently successful ecotourism development and public-private partnerships. She has 15 years experience as an educator and applies a creative approach to project planning, partnership development and fund-raising.

Experience

Natural Capital Development, Inc.; Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Founder and President. August 2007 to present.

Eco-Logic Restoration Services, LLC; Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Co-founder. Compatible Development Specialist. August 2005 to August 2007

Representative projects:

- Building Six Watershed Partnerships in 2006 for Land Trust for Mississippi Coastal Plain: Turkey Creek, Red Creek, Boley Creek, Old Fort Bayou, Lower Tchoutacabouffa River and Lower Jourdan River
- Policy review and grass roots organizer regarding post-Katrina recovery and rebuilding, Gulf Restoration Network
- Grant-writing projects and five year development plan for local non-profit organization
- Pro-bono services to develop and manage Live Oak Rescue Mission for Land Trust for Mississippi Coastal Plain
- Developing markets for new hardwood technologies and rural development programs

The Nature Conservancy; Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Director, South Mississippi Conservation Program. 1997 to 2005

Representative projects and accomplishments:

- Conservation area planning for Pascagoula River Watershed, Pearl River Watershed and six-county South Mississippi area
- Designed and developed Mississippi's first community-based conservation program
- Worked with partners to develop and present the Singing River Symposium and facilitated the establishment of the Pascagoula River Basin Alliance

- Identified the need and helped develop the idea for MPB documentary: "The Singing River, Rhythms of Nature"
- Designed and led community initiatives: CEE Dialogue, Biloxi's Future Now! Helping establish a new conservation partner organization: Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain
- Designed and led the Pascagoula River Ecotourism Study and helped establish the Institute for Compatible Development
- Acquired grant and private funding totaling over \$4.5 million
- Coordinated local government relations strategies

Other non-profit experience:

Mississippi Valley Coal Exporters Council, New Orleans, Louisiana. 1981-1983

Meet the Composer, New York, New York. 1979-1981

Teaching experience:

First Floor Studio, Sewanee, Tennessee and Kennesaw, Georgia. 1989 - 1997

Cowan Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Music master, 1984-1992

Westminster Academy, Gadsden, Alabama, 1977-1978

Sales experience:

Wilton Corporation, Winchester, Tennessee. 1984-1989

New Era Tubulars, New Orleans, Louisiana. 1981

Education:

B.M (cum laude) Vocal Performance, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 1977

Community Service:

Board of Directors, Gulf Restoration Network, 2010-

Board of Directors, Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce, 2005-2007

Advisory Board, Land Trust for Mississippi Coastal Plain, 2001 to present

Ocean Springs Rotary Club, 2008-

St. Cecilia's Girl's Ensemble, 2009-

National Association of Business Women, 2009-