



CITY & BOROUGH OF SITKA
BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPLICATION

Municipal Clerk's Office, 100 Lincoln Street, Floor 3
Phone: 907.747.1826 Fax: 907.747.7403 Email: clerk@cityofsitka.org

Submit this completed application AND either a letter of interest or resume to the Municipal Clerk's Office by noon on the Wednesday prior to an advertised Assembly meeting.

Board/Commission/Committee Applying For: Planning Commission

Name: Jacqueline Foss

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Length of Residence in Sitka: 20 years

Registered to vote in Sitka? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Employer Business Name and your position: USDA Forest Service, Sitka Office

Organizations you belong to or participate in:

Sitka Youth Soccer coach and board member, NSRAA board member, Alaska Longline Fishermens Association, former board member for the Sitka Sound Science Center, Alaska Trollers Association, and Sitka Food Co-op.

Explain your main reason for applying:

To support the City of Sitka in planning for tourism and residential zoning to meet the current housing needs

What experience or credentials will you bring to the board, commission, or committee membership?

Diverse and extensive experience on several boards; understanding of environmental analysis process and laws; built (using my own labor) 3 houses in Sitka in the past 20 years. I own and operate an Airbnb seasonally and have rentals in town. I am committed to working toward thoughtful housing solutions for Sitka.

Appointments are typically made during Assembly meeting open sessions. However, Assembly members may vote to discuss applicant(s) in closed executive session. In this case, do you wish to be present when your application is discussed? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your appointment must be disclosed. These may include, but are not limited to, a substantial financial interest of \$1000 annually that could be influenced by your appointment, or an immediate family member employed within the scope of this appointment. **Do you have any potential conflicts of interest to disclose?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:

I understand this is a volunteer position appointed by the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly and requires regular meeting attendance. I further understand this application is public information and the merits of my appointment may be discussed at a public forum. In addition, my name may be published in media outlets. If I am appointed to serve, I will follow all laws, procedures, and practices associated with my appointment.

I certify that the information in my application is true and accurate.

Date: 10/20/2024

Applicant Signature: Jacqueline Foss

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Date: 2025.10.20 17:07:04 -08'00'

Jacqueline (Jacquie) Foss

Work Experience

Tongass NF Soil, Ecology, Botany, Air, Invasive Species & Climate Change Program Manager 2/2022 - present

- USFS Soil Scientist of the year 2023
- Increased staff from 3 to 8 of early-career botanists, soil scientists and ecologists
- Grew the programs from a budget of \$10,000 per year to a program of more than \$300,000 in two years , including building two new partnerships with SEAK non profits.
- Collaborate across several federal and state agencies on Landslide science, vegetation mapping, soil inventory
- Presented on the importance of collaboration in scientific work at the North American Forest Soils Conference and the Society of American Foresters in 2023
- Provide policy oversight to all NEPA documents on the Tongass NF
- Collaborate on SEAK landslide work and provide technical and logistical support to geoscientists
- Completed the vegetation maps for Prince of Wales Island and Ketchikan-Misty Fjords Ranger Districts

USFS Alaska Region Analyst

8/2018 - 2/2022

- Generated geospatial tools and data in support of large-scale NEPA analysis projects
- Harmonized several disparate datasets into products used by a variety of internal and external stakeholders
- Built public-facing , interactive web maps to communicate USFS activities and impacts
- Created a seamless bathymetric map of the seafloor using federal and fishermen data for use by fishermen

USFS, Tongass NF Soil Scientist

6/2003 - 8/2018

- Created initial soil maps for Yakutat Ranger District and Kruzof Island
- Expanded the Tongass-Wide landslide inventory to include all lands in Southeast Alaska
- Completed soil inventory, soil quality monitoring, wetland delineation and other field work throughout the Tongass National Forest
- Provided soil science education in the local schools at least once per year

Volunteer Experience

Sitka Youth Soccer Board

2025-Present

NSRAA Board

2024-Present

Alaska Trollers Association Board

2021-2023

Sitka Sound Science Center Board

2020-2022

Skills

SEAK field logistics; Familiar with federal partnerships and agreements; Federal Contract Administration; Deep knowledge of environmental policy laws; commercial fisherman; bear safety instructor; Microsoft Office suite; ESRI ArcGIS/ArcPro/AGOL suite of products; general residential construction skills

Education

BS Soil Science and General Engineering, California Polytechnic State University

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References available upon request