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JMTE welcomes new staff members Bowen, Thompsen and Sexton

WAYNESVILLE, NC - J.M. Teague Engineering and Planning (JMTE) is pleased to welcome three new staff members.



Andrew Bowen joined JMTE in August as Planning Director. He brings experience in municipal and regional planning, with an emphasis on various elements of land use planning and ordinance/code work. He also has experience planning for multimodal transportation efforts (local and regional) and administering creative financing solutions for various projects.

Prior to joining JMTE, Bowen served in the lead Planner roles for the Towns of Highlands and Maggie Valley. His accomplishments as Planning Director in Highlands included creating a children's hiking passport and wayfinding program, Kids Hike Highlands, that encouraged children to hike local trails; and preparing a Commercial/Multifamily Housing Aesthetic and Design ordinance and guidebook.

As Maggie Valley Town Planner, Bowen expanded the town's parks and greenway network through the addition and design of one greenway, two parks and an outdoor classroom/river entry for Jonathan Valley Elementary School. He also prepared a successful \$2 million grant application to the French Broad River MPO for pedestrian, bicycle and aesthetic improvements along U.S. 19; and reorganized and rewrote the Town's development ordinances into its first Unified Development Ordinance.

Bowen holds a Master of Public Affairs degree, as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, with a minor in Business Administration, from Western Carolina University.



Transportation Specialist **William Thompsen** also joined the JMTE team in August. He brings with him 33 years of experience as a planning professional. His responsibilities include conducting a wide array of traffic and transportation-related studies, such as traffic impact, corridor, feasibility and parking studies; conducting transportation assessments for signs, pavement and sidewalk conditions, and traffic signal operations.

Thompsen specializes in conducting multi-modal transportation studies and his expertise includes travel demand modeling, environmental assessments, traffic impact studies, freight studies, parking studies, corridor planning, traffic operational analyses, land use and economic development studies, and public involvement.

Thompson moved to western North Carolina from Minneapolis, MN after serving in various professional positions from 2001-2014, including Senior Project Planner for CH2M Hill, Inc., Senior Transportation Planner/Project Manager with Iteris/Meyer, Mohaddes Associates and HDR, Inc.



Anna Sexton joined JMTE in May as a Transportation Planner, with a specialty in public policy and finance. She recently received her Master of Public Policy degree from the Georgia State University Andrew Young School of Policy Studies in Atlanta. Sexton brings experience working with government agencies at all levels and she is adept at problem-solving, prioritizing and managing multiple tasks within tight deadlines and high-stress environments.

While attending Georgia State, she was a Public Finance Fellow at the university's Center for State & Local Finance. Her experience included participation in the Center's partnership with the Volcker Alliance to draft the annual Truth & Integrity in State Budgeting Report; drafting 26 budget-related responses each for the Georgia, Colorado and New Mexico reports; and analyzing transparency in state budgeting practices focusing on disclosure practices, rainy day funds, pensions & OPEBs and municipal securities.

She also served as a Graduate Policy Intern for the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners and as a Graduate Research Assistant for Georgia State University's Public Performance Management Group.

J.M. Teague Engineering & Planning (JMTE) is a transportation and traffic engineering and planning firm based in Waynesville, NC, that manages a wide range of projects across the Southeast. The firm provides more than 20 transportation- and traffic-related services across eight distinct business areas: Forensic Engineering; Transportation, Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning; Land Use and Community Planning; Wayfinding and Mapping; Education and Training; Facilitation and Collaboration; Traffic Engineering and GIS and Infrastructure Assessment.

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