



## Ben Henson

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### // Recent Experience

#### **Hippo Codes** • hippo.codes

Freelance Web Developer • January 2014 - present

Using modern languages, libraries, frameworks and skill, I build responsive sites that look great on all devices and custom content management systems that make them easy to keep updated.

#### **Plan 4 Land** • plan4land.net

Freelance Web Developer • October 2017 - present

Using modern languages, libraries, frameworks and skill, I build responsive sites that look great on all devices and custom content management systems that make them easy to keep updated.

#### **MadisonMott** • madisonmott.com

Web Developer • March 2015 - October 2017

As part of an amazing team, I build fully bespoke, responsive websites and Wordpress backends based on Creative's original work. As part of a shop responsible for delivering great products, I'm involved throughout many stages of the build including staging and development, QA, launch and post-launch maintenance.

#### **B:Hive Bridgeport** • bhivebridgeport.com

Partner • January 2012 - December 2016

My wife and I joined forces with friends to open a coworking space in our Downtown neighborhood. We felt there wasn't enough creative energy flowing and wanted to change that. We're very proud of the results.

#### **City of Bridgeport, Office of Planning & Economic Development** • bridgeportct.gov

City Planner II • December 2009 - March 2015

Some of my proudest accomplishments serving the community include: planning and executing the Bridgeport Arts Fest and Downtown Thursdays music festival series; creating and administering the Mayor's Neighborhood Arts & Heritage Grant program; and authoring the update of the South End NRZ Strategic Plan. I also coordinated improvements to the Downtown parking system and managed a number of community development initiatives and transportation studies, served on the Downtown Special Services District Special Events & Marketing Committee and sat on the Board of the Bridgeport Arts & Cultural Council.

### // Languages

Experienced in HTML, CSS, PHP, JavaScript, MySQL. Would like to learn more SASS and LESS.

### // Platforms, Libraries & Frameworks

Experienced in WordPress, jQuery and Bootstrap. Would like to learn more Angular, React and Ruby on Rails.

### // Other Proficiencies

Photoshop, AWS, Rackspace, Asana, GitHub, Google Analytics, Slack, creative problem solving, meeting deadlines, adapting and learning quickly, working and playing well with others.

### // Education

University of Cincinnati, College of Design, Architecture, Art & Planning • daap.uc.edu  
Bachelor of Urban Planning, 2006

### // Accolades

**40 Under 40 Award**, 2012 • Business Council of Fairfield County

**Special Recognition for Downtown Bridgeport Revitalization**, 2011 • Bridgeport DSSD

## // Interests

Raising my young son, reading, camping, hiking, biking, exploring and experiencing cities, eating poutine, enjoying a good beer, trying to learn French and German, coding, and Cincinnati sports.

## // References

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## // Not-So-Recent Experience

### **South Western Regional Planning Agency • [swrpa.org](http://swrpa.org)**

Regional Planner

November 2007 - 2009

Prepared and presented regional referrals reviews of proposed rezoning, subdivision and text amendment applications. Shaped the Agency's housing initiatives. Organized two annual Affordable Housing Summits. Prepared quarterly and annual regional housing reports. Prepared various transportation planning studies related to : rail station parking; congestion mitigation program; public involvement; environmental justice; and FTA enhancement program. Prepared the 2009 South Western Region Rail Station Parking Study. Performed GIS spatial analysis and mapping.

### **Delaware County Regional Planning Commission • [dcrpc.org](http://dcrpc.org)**

Planner I

January 2007 - November 2007

Reviewed rezoning, lot split, preliminary plan and subdivision applications; presented cases to the Regional Planning Commission. Worked with townships to prepare and/or update comprehensive plans and zoning regulations. Coordinated with townships, county and state departments, developers, surveyors and residents throughout the development process. Performed GIS spatial analysis and mapping.

### **Central Parking**

Valet Attendant

May 2003 - December 2006

Provided top-notch valet parking services for Morton's the Steakhouse and Hilton Hotel locations in Downtown Cincinnati. Earned valuable experience while meeting and serving guests from around the world. Had a lot of fun and supported myself while finishing my degree.

### **City of Cincinnati • [cincinnati-oh.gov](http://cincinnati-oh.gov)**

Rental Rehab Program Monitor/Co-Op

September 2001 - December 2004

Worked with program manager, property owners, inspectors, and City departments to maintain compliance with forgivable RRP loans. Overhauled the forms and database required to manage the program and its loans. Assisted in restructuring of the program. Gained valuable experience with municipal operations, real estate and legal procedures and further developed communications and organization skills.

### **City of Montgomery • [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org)**

Planning/GIS Co-Op

June 2001 - September 2001

Designed, conducted and authored the Heritage District Parking Study, established a GIS system, made software purchases, produced GIS maps, and assisted with various planning tasks.

### **Keller's IGA**

Deli Clerk

September 1999 - June 2001

Sliced meats and cheeses for the fine folks in Clifton and did my best to make their days a little better via ridiculous attention to detail, humor and geniality. It may seem a little weird to list this job at this point in my career, but as a kid who moved from rural Ohio to Cincinnati to pursue a degree in Urban Planning, working this job rewarded me with membership in the community and affirmed my aspirations to serve it—it also helped pay for school.