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Environmental Scientist with 2+ years of experience in consulting, research, ecological fieldwork, and non-profit organizations. Passionate about integrating technology and ecology to advance sustainable solutions. Skilled in environmental data collection, QA/QC workflows, spatial analysis using ArcGIS Pro, and data management. Recognized for a strong work ethic, proactive mindset, and commitment to delivering high-quality results in dynamic work environments

### **TOP SKILLS**

# **Interpersonal Skills**

Clear written and verbal communication | Resilient in coordinating fieldwork in remote locations | Stakeholder and partner engagement | Organized, detail-oriented, and reliable | Collaborative in crossfunctional, virtual teams | Independent, resourceful, and proactive | Strong problem-solving and QA mindset | Culturally sensitive and community-focused

### **Technical Skills**

ArcGIS Pro | Environmental field work | ATV-certified fieldwork | QA/QC workflow development | Data cleaning and validation | Data management | Microsoft Office (Excel, PowerPoint, Word) | Python (Data structures) | Scientific reporting and data visualization (Canva) | Literature review and synthesis | Project management (Keela)

#### **NOTABLE PROJECT**

# Master's Research Project - Climate Mitigation and Infrastructure

2024 - 2025

Evaluated the effectiveness of green infrastructure in mitigating stormwater runoff as a nature-based solution

- Conducted ecohydrological modeling using ArcGIS Pro and InVEST to evaluate green infrastructure's role in mitigating stormwater runoff, demonstrating a 10% reduction in runoff volume through optimized green infrastructure implementation
- Processed and reclassified high-resolution raster datasets (e.g., precipitation, land cover, soil), ensuring data integrity through stepwise QA during preprocessing and spatial modeling workflows
- Developed a 50-page evidence-based report to inform climate-resilient infrastructure planning by synthesizing 60+ peer-reviewed studies and conducting advanced GIS-based hydrological analysis to support climate mitigation policy objectives

### **EXPERIENCES**

# Neighbours United - Environmental Community Canvasser

2025 - 2025

- Collected and digitized GPS-tagged field data from 60+ households during winter outreach, ensuring accuracy and consistency to support organizational QA processes and strategic campaign analysis using the project management tool Keela
- Achieved the highest persuasion (24.1%) and movement (41.4%) rates on the team of five, securing 44.8% petition signatures—exceeding the team average by over 10%

### **GEMTEC Consulting - Environmental Science Student Intern**

2024 - 2024

- Collected, digitized, and organized 3,000+ environmental field data points from bird counts and hydrology surveys as part of an EIA for wind farm permitting, supporting regulatory compliance and habitat impact assessment
- Standardized and cleaned 25,000+ environmental data records in Excel, identifying and resolving inconsistencies, missing fields, and formatting issues to ensure data quality in line with QA/QC protocols and regulatory standards
- Reviewed field sheets for missing spatial data (e.g., UTM), ensuring QA/QC compliance before analysis

### **Econext - Environmental Research Assistant Intern**

2024 - 2024

- Researched climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies by synthesizing 30+ federal and provincial reports across Atlantic Canada to inform net-zero policy planning and support data-driven environmental reporting
- Translated complex scientific findings into accessible content by writing a strategic report and creating visual assets in Canva to support stakeholder communication and engagement

# Memorial University - Environmental Policy Research Assistant Intern

2023 - 2024

- Analyzed 160+ federal, provincial, and municipal environmental regulations using Excel to inform Memorial University's sustainability strategy document
- Contributed to the development of the sustainability strategy by delivering targeted policy recommendations aligned with institutional goals

# **EDUCATION**

# Master of Environmental Science - Memorial University, GPA 3.7/4

2023 - 2025

<u>Selected Representative for Green Career Expo.</u> 2nd Place at Social Impact Ideathon, Climate Collective Seed Grant (\$1,000), Competitive Research Fellowship (\$1,200), Board of Directors at Graduate Students' Union (International Student Representative), Board of Directors at <u>ClimaFacts</u> (Student-Run Climate Change Education Organization)

Bachelor of Science in Biology - Shahid Beheshti University, GPA 4/4

2016 - 2021