RACHEL BETH COHEN

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EDUCATION:

September 2000-December 2002 — **University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan**
College of Architecture and Urban Planning
Degree: Masters of Urban Planning Candidate
School of Social Work
Degree: Masters of Social Work Candidate **Certificate:** Specialist in Aging

October 1996-May 1997 — **World Union of Jewish Students Institute (WUJS), Arad, Israel**
Center for postgraduate Hebrew language, social and cultural studies (combined work-study program including the study of international, political, social and environmental issues)

September 1992-May 1996 — **University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia**
School of Architecture
Degree: Bachelor of City Planning **Major:** Urban and Environmental Planning

AWARDS AND HONORS:

September 2001-August 2002 — **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**
Community Development Work Study Program Fellow

September 2001-December 2002 — **University of Michigan, School of Social Work**
Hartford Geriatric Fellow

February 2001 — **National Congress for Community Economic Development (NCCED), Emerging Leaders Program, Washington D.C.**
Leadership program to build skills for working in community economic development

WORK EXPERIENCE:

September 2001-June 2002 — **Bridging Communities, Inc., Detroit, Michigan**
Job Title: Community Development and Geriatric Social Work Intern
Provided case management support for seniors living in Southwest Detroit
Identified and arranged for housing rehabilitation needs of low-income seniors
Developed program to fulfill grant for City of Detroit Lead Removal Housing Program
Prepared City and State housing designation application and long range redevelopment plan

May 2001-August 2001 — **Juergensen & Associates, Detroit, Michigan**
Job Title: Planner
Developed disposition program for state held tax reverted properties
Designed intake system for requests including three different application processes
Organized and conducted program information sessions for Detroit non-profit developers
Provided guidance for non-profits and individuals applying for properties

June 1999-May 2001 — **National Wildlife Federation, Ann Arbor, Michigan**
Job Title: Brownfields Coordinator
Built coalitions of community groups in Detroit and Milwaukee
Organized neighborhood workshops on brownfields in Milwaukee and Detroit
Researched community involvement in urban brownfields redevelopment
Helped organize Michigan and Ohio Eco Industry Conference

April 1998-
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Booz Allen & Hamilton Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Job Title: Environmental Consultant
Provided support to U.S. EPA Region III in identification of potentially responsible parties for contamination at Superfund sites
Gathered, organized, and analyzed hazardous waste production and disposal information
Created correspondence tracking database system
Designed and performed office-wide quality assurance trainings and activities

May 1997–
November 1997

Israel Union for Environmental Defense, Tel Aviv, Israel
Job Title: Public Relations/Science Intern; 40-50 hours/week
Wrote press releases and articles for newspapers, newsletters and journals, national and local
Wrote and edited organizational newsletter, created and maintained membership database

MEDIA:

Eastside Story: The Rebirth of an Urban Neighborhood ; National Wildlife Federation, 2000 (video), produced, co-wrote and managed project.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

May 2002-
October 2002

Wise Roots Senior Garden, Project Grow, Ann Arbor, MI
Assist seniors with raised bed gardens in a community garden setting
Co-Writing, producing, and directing documentary on impact of gardening on senior's well being

November 1999-
July 2000

Huron Valley Sierra Club, Ann Arbor, MI
Served on Executive Committee and helped determine direction of the club

June 1999-
September 2000

Co-Chair Southeast Michigan Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life (SEMCOEJL), Ann Arbor, MI
Created faith-based environmental advocacy and action group
Coordinated and organized events highlighting environmental issues
Recruited members and established relationships with area religious institutions

September 1998-
April 1999

At-Risk Youth Tutoring, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Mentored and assisted at-risk youth with reading, mathematics and computer skills

July 1998-
April 1999

Coordinator for Environmental Education Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Coordinated design and implementation of an environmental education center for Palumbo Elementary School (an inner city Philadelphia school)

SKILLS:

Computer Skills: Microsoft Windows 98/2000/NT, Microsoft Office 2000,Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Outlook, Harvard Graphics

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST