

# CYRIL JOHN MAY

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## **Enthusiastic Sustainability Professional** **Sustainable Materials Manager - Environmental Educator**

### **PROFILE**

I am an experienced manager for a wide range of sustainability programs in for-profit, not-for-profit, municipal and academic sectors. I pride myself on being a communicator, trainer and community builder. I enjoy working as team member and independently.

### **CORE SKILLS**

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| • Coordinator of recycling and other materials management systems | professionals and other adults  | • Microsoft Office       |
| • Environmental educator for                                      | • Public Speaking               | • Compliance Measurement |
|   | • Mandarin Chinese (proficient) | • Report Preparation     |
|   | • Spanish (learner)             | • Partnerships           |
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### **CAREER HISTORY**

#### **Waterbury Public Works, Waterbury, CT 2015 - Present**

##### *Refuse/Recycling Coordinator– Refuse Bureau*

- Oversaw education, container purchasing for and worked with DPW team to implement cart-based recycling for 30,000 households in 2017.
- Provide on-going outreach to residents and businesses on recycling and related waste reduction opportunities via social media, in-person visits, presentations, and environmental magic shows.
- Collaborate with local and regional businesses to bolster the synergy between economic activity and sustainable development e.g. matching one business' "waste" with another's supply stock needs.

#### **Yale University, New Haven, CT 1990 - 2012**

##### *Recycling Coordinator - Facilities*

- Planned, implemented and managed Yale's recycling efforts in compliance with laws and university sustainability goals
- Hired, supervised and trained union and student staff
- Designed and implemented outreach, education, training and compliance efforts for 21,000 person campus

- Purchased equipment through research, bid review, ordering, and installation of wide range of materials

**Connecticut Recyclers Coalition, Hartford, CT 2003 - present**

*President, Treasurer*

- Directed 501(c)(3) non-profit trade and advocacy organization
- Lobbied and negotiated with state and local leaders regarding pertinent legislation
- Provided education, training, and coordination of public and member outreach opportunities
- Continue supporting the CRC as Treasurer 2015 - present

**Better World Magic, New Haven, CT 2013 - present**

*Presenter/Environmental Magician*

- Inspire, empower, and educate audiences of professionals, other adults and mixed ages with presentations and “enviromagic” shows which teach key sustainability issues.

## EDUCATION

**Yale University, School of the Environment, New Haven, CT**

*Master of Environmental Management, 1989*

Masters project provided first-ever analysis of Yale’s waste and purchasing streams as well as options for compliance with Connecticut’s recycling law

**Measuring Environmental Education Outcomes, Cornell University, NY**

*Project-Based Online Learning, certificate of completion, 2013*

Selected to join experienced environmental educators in identifying challenges and opportunities in measuring the success of various environmental education efforts

**Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies in Taipei, Taipei, Taiwan**

1986-1987

Focused on modern scientific and environmental Mandarin

**Thomas J. Watson Fellowship, International**

1985-1986

Researched practice of Chinese geomancy in Taiwan, China, Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand

**Bates College, Lewiston, ME**

*Bachelor of Arts, History, 1985*

Senior Thesis analyzed the interactions between China’s three major faith traditions and politics in imperial China

## AWARDS

- Environmental Champion, Aquarion Water Company, 2020 – received award for inspired use of “magic” in public environmental education
- Fellow, Silliman College, Yale University
- Green Ivy Award, 2004 - received first Green Ivy Award offered by Yale University to any faculty member, student or staff person
- Yale Sustainability Long Term Contribution Award, 2012 – Julie Newman, Director of Sustainability, gave this “in recognition of his outstanding dedication and contribution to Yale sustainability and recycling”