

# Application Form

## Profile

**If you have any questions or difficulty submitting this application, please reach out to Alex Guzhnay at [aguzhnay@newhavenct.gov](mailto:aguzhnay@newhavenct.gov) or call 203-946-7670.**

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 Home Address

New Haven \_\_\_\_\_ CT \_\_\_\_\_ 06513 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City State Postal Code

### What ward do you live in (optional - please select ward if you know)?

Ward 15

Home: (203) 651-9712 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Phone Alternate Phone

### Are any of the above number a cell phone number?

Yes  No

### If so, which? Also, is it okay to send a text message?

203-651-9712

### Are you currently employed by the City of New Haven or the New Haven Public School System?

Yes  No

retired \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer Job Title

To see our list of Boards and Commissions please click here: <https://newhaven-ct.granicus.com/boards/w/976a34cad711af7c/boards>

### Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority (GNHWPCA): Submitted

## Is this an appointment or reappointment request? \*

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Reappointment

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## Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve. Please attach any of the follow:

**Resume, Curriculum Vitae (CV), Professional Bio, or a Statement of Interest.**

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Upload a Resume

**If not submitting a Resume or CV, please submit a ~150 word Statement of Interest as to why you are interested in serving on your selected boards/commissions. If you have uploaded a resume OR you are seeking reappointment, you can write n/a.**

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I am a resident of New Haven since 2003 and I love living here. I taught Chemistry and Physical Science in New Haven High Schools (Hillhouse and HSC) from 1992-2011. In my classes, I always inserted environmental issues in the context of everyday life. In fact, I used a textbook developed by the American Chemical Society that taught chemistry in the context of everyday life. While I was at Hillhouse, students participated in activities ranging from getting friends and neighbors to obtain and use blue bins provided by the city to recycle bottles, cans and paper, going to elementary schools and making up games to teach young elementary students about recycling, and obtaining pallets and using them to build compost bins. We also obtained kits for testing water quality from DEP (now DEEP) and going on field trips to the Mill River and testing it's water. The class data was incorporated into DEP's data bank. Water quality is a passion of mine. My science background is very strong, I obtained a BS in Chemistry from the State University College at Buffalo and an MS in biochemistry from the University of Illinois at Urbana. I did scientific research (which was published) while at Illinois and in the School of public Health at UC Berkeley before obtaining a teaching certificate at UC Berkeley. For some years, I worked with a few neighbors to restore the ecosystem of a parcel of land near the Middletown Ave. bridge removing invasive species and replanting using native plants. We work with URI who provides us with a Yale student for a month in the summer as well as the plants, compost, equipment and mulch. I have turned my yard into a haven for native pollinators and birds by planting native plants, not using insecticides or weed killers ( which are very detrimental for water quality) and have educated and inspired others to do the same. Additionally, I periodically pick up trash on my street as well as Dover Beach Park and under the Middletown Ave. Bridge. I am completely invested in improving the environment of my city which is my motivation for wanting to continue serving on the board of GNHWPCA. Joyce Alton

## Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

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I feel my background and interests qualify me to be the environmental stakeholder on this board. When the GNHWPCA was initially formed as an independent entity, one of the board members was supposed to be an environmental stakeholder. I am deeply committed to improving the environment. Treating sewage appropriately is a major public health issue as well as an environmental one. The health of Long Island Sound is critically important commercially as well as for recreational purposes.

**Why do you believe you would be a good fit for your selected board and commission(s)?**

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Because of my strong science background, I fully understand the water quality issues in depth and am in an excellent position to evaluate data and make informed choices.

**Do you have any time commitments that would prevent you from participating in board/commission meetings? Meeting times can be found by visiting [newhavenct.gov/boards](http://newhavenct.gov/boards), but most are usually once a month for 1-2 hours.**

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no

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**Demographics**

**Some boards and commissions require membership to be politically proportionate, per State Statute on minority party representation (CGS § 9-167a). What is your political affiliation on your voter registration (i.e Democrat, Republican, Unaffiliated, Independent, etc)?**

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democratic

**In order to stay compliant with our city's charter, are you registered to vote in New Haven?**

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Yes  No

We strive to maintain diversity in all of our Boards and Commissions. These questions are optional and if you volunteer the information we will only use it to ensure that our boards and commissions are diverse.

**Ethnicity**

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Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

**Gender**

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Female

**How did you hear about serving on our Boards & Commissions?**

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New Haven Environmental Justice Network