



Tony Spagnoli

Neighborhood Development Intern

Specialties

- Alternative/ active transportation infrastructure improvements
- Community outreach
- Marketing
- Map/ report/ grant production

Philosophy

Providing the correct tools to the right individuals will stimulate a bottom up resurgence in a neighborhood.

Education

- B.S. Communications - Mansfield University
- Master of Urban Planning - University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee (expected May 2012)

Memberships

- American Planning Association

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As the Neighborhood Development Intern at Agape Community Center for over four consecutive semesters, Tony has brought a diverse background to the table and completed a variety of projects across the spectrum of neighborhood development. In 2010, Tony aided in the development of the Thurston Woods Neighborhood Plan Update. He also has produced GIS maps, marketing documents, and community outreach tools. In collaboration with the Medical College of Wisconsin and Agape staff, Tony applied for and received a federal grant from the National Center for Safe Routes to School. During 2011, he oversaw the installation of seven "Walk & Bike to School Route" signs throughout the neighborhood, the addition of a new bike rack at the Thurston Woods Campus School, and an in-school education curriculum in partnership with the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin.

Tony is a graduate student pursuing his Master of Urban Planning degree at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, and will complete his coursework in May 2012. Prior to his move to Milwaukee for graduate school, Tony lived in Los Angeles, CA where he worked for the Boy Scouts of America - Los Angeles Area Council. As a District Executive, Tony managed fund-raising campaigns, developed close relationships with volunteers, and actively recruited new youth members. Through his work engaging challenging neighborhoods at the Boy Scouts, Tony realized his keen interest in urban issues, which eventually led him to Milwaukee for graduate work.

At the core of Tony's interests is the nexus between urban design and transportation. The transportation system of a city is its most important piece of infrastructure - without which nothing else functions. By designing this network to a human scale first and then accommodating larger users, Tony believes communities can create vibrant and economically robust places which add value and attract a wide spectrum of users.