



From Mid-Career to Manager, How to Make a Successful Career Jump!

Contributors

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- Andy Ferrini – Village Manager, Village of Pingree Grove
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- Taylor Baxter – City Administrator, City of Clinton



Session Overview

- Introductions
- Interview Process Overview
- First Couple of Months on the Job
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Andy Ferrini – Village Manager, Pingree Grove

- Andy Serves as the Village Manager for the Village of Pingree Grove. He started with the Village in September 2023. Pingree Grove is one of the fastest-growing communities in Illinois and currently has a population of approximately 12,000 residents. As the Village's Chief Administrative Officer, he is responsible for the day-to-day operations of Village services, leadership of Village Departments, and the execution of policies and ordinances adopted by the Village President and Board of Trustees.
- Before serving the Village of Pingree Grove Andy served as Assistant Village Administrator and Interim Village Administrator at the Village of Indian Head Park. He has a bachelor's degree in political science from Truman State University and a master's degree in public administration from Northern Illinois University. Andy enjoys working in the local government profession and gets satisfaction from solving problems and promoting the public interest in his professional life.

Taylor Baxter, City Administrator, City of Clinton

- Taylor's combined experience in municipal government spans over 15 years. He has had the opportunity to serve in several positions across a variety of municipal departments including public works, water, wastewater, parks, recreation, and is currently the City Administrator for the City of Clinton, Illinois. As the Chief Administrative Officer, he leads the city through management and oversight of 9 separate departments including Police, Fire, Economic Development, Streets and Maintenance, Sewer, Water, Parks, Cemetery, and Building/Zoning. Taylor is an experienced municipal government administrator with a strong reputation in leadership and knowledge to best serve diverse populations and interests through high value services in an environmentally and fiscally responsible manner.
- Taylor holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Elmhurst University, a master's degree in Leadership from Concordia University Chicago, and is a recent graduate of ICMA's High Performance Leadership Academy. Taylor enjoys the opportunity to serve and give back to his profession. He has had the opportunity to speak at numerous conferences locally and regionally while also being a published contributor in Parks and Rec Business Magazine. Taylor's favorite role is being Dad to his two children, Ella (7) and Brooks (3).



Thank you

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