

# CHARLES LESNIAK III

## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

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Over 28 years of experience with the City of Austin working on environmental protection and policy. Key experience includes management of multiple environmental projects, ordinance development, development of national best practices for pipeline safety, testimony before Congressional and Legislative committees, environmental regulation, expert witness, legal support, community outreach, and negotiation of environmental agreements. Broad experience working with City management, City Council, boards and commissions, state legislators, state and federal agencies, engineers, and developers. Member of the U.S. DOT Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Technical Advisory Committee

Expertise includes environmental remediation, environmental impact analysis, landfills, community outreach, pipeline safety, water quality protection, and land development regulation. Experience working with many City departments at the staff and management level. Very familiar with the policies, regulations, and staff of City, State and Federal agencies, including the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Lower Colorado River Authority, U.S. Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

## REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS

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- East Austin Tank Farm Remediation
- Barton Springs Salamander Spill Plan
- Longhorn Pipeline lawsuit
- Development Over Landfills Ordinance
- WTP4 Environmental Comissioning
- Springdale Park Remediation
- East Austin Environmental Initiative
- Development Near Pipelines Ordinance
- Mabel Davis Park Remediation
- Pipelines and Informed Planning Alliance

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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Current                      *Owner*

CL3 Consulting, Pflugerville, Texas

Providing expertise to communities, non-profits, local governments, and industry in environmental protection, pipeline safety, crisis management, and community engagement and outreach.

2011-2018                  Environmental Officer

City of Austin - Watershed Protection Department, Austin, Texas

Executive level position responsible for ensuring environmental protection is given highest priority in public and private development. Provided direction and guidance to staff, City Manager, and City Council on environmental policy on a broad variety of environmental issues including land development, water quality protection, and pipeline safety.

2007-2011                  Environmental Policy Program Manager

City of Austin - Watershed Protection Department, Austin, Texas

Responsible for advising the Watershed Protection Department and other City of Austin departments on complex environmental regulatory and technical issues, including environmental risk assessment, contaminated site remediation, water quality protection, solid waste disposal facility operation, pipeline operations, and other high risk facilities.

1999 - 2007                  Environmental Program Coordinator

City of Austin - Watershed Protection and Development Review Department, Austin, Texas

Provided environmental technical expertise and assistance to many City Departments including Watershed Protection and Development Review, Public Works and Transportation, Solid Waste Services, Parks and Recreation, and the Law Department.

1990 - 1998                  *Environmental Quality Specialist*

City of Austin - Watershed Management Department, Austin, Texas

Member and later Team Leader for Spills and Complaints Response Program. Oversaw and coordinated the activities of 4 person team of pollution investigators responding to and investigating hazardous materials spills and pollution complaints. Directed spill response and remediations of all sizes and types. Performed stormwater monitoring and small business inspections

1988 – 1989 *Field Technician*

Lower Colorado River Authority and Texas Parks and Wildlife, Austin, Texas

Instream flow/biological analysis using a variety of hydrological and biological measurement techniques.

