

LUKE GEBHARD

As a Project Manager for Milepost Consulting, Luke emphasizes building strong relationships and networks to ensure clients are connected to the right resources at the right time, and his natural customer service orientation lets project teams know he is invested in their success. Luke supports clients with project management, strategic communications and stakeholder engagement efforts, and is currently leading Milepost's work with the Tennessee Valley Authority's Smart Communities initiative.

Prior to joining Milepost, Luke served as Senior Program Manager in the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's Office of Energy Programs, where he helped lead strategic content development, events management, outreach and communications for the Tennessee Energy Education Initiative. Additionally, Luke served as Energy Efficiency Program Director in Nashville Mayor Karl Dean's Office of Environment and Sustainability. In this role, Luke oversaw development, communications and community outreach for the Mayor's energy efficiency initiatives. Born with Midwestern sensibilities and a St. Louis Cardinals hat on his head, Luke grew up in the Southeast, having received a BA from the University of the South and a Master's degree from Vanderbilt University. He thinks of himself as a karaoke king and spends his free time aspiring to be a world-class dad and husband.

EXPERIENCE

Project Manager | Milepost Consulting

Support Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) with project management, strategic communications, organizational development, stakeholder engagement and strategic planning. Lead Milepost's work with TVA's Smart Communities initiative.

Senior Program Manager | Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

Provided program and grant management, strategic planning and external communications support for Tennessee's State Energy Office.

EDUCATION

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
MA, Latin American Studies

UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH
BA, Social Science – Foreign Language

PUBLICATIONS

NIPF TAX INCENTIVES – DO THEY MAKE A DIFFERENCE?
Co-author, *Journal of Forestry*, 1999

PRESENTATIONS

TENNESSEE MUNICIPAL LEAGUE, 2014
Stimulating Energy Improvements in Small Towns and Public Housing Authorities

TENNESSEE ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE, 2014
Helping Communities Make Smart Choices Through Energy Education and Technical Assistance

TENNESSEE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, 2014
Tennessee Energy Education Initiative and Energy Performance Contracting

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE ENERGY OFFICIALS, 2013
Innovations in Multifamily Energy Efficiency Education and Financing in Tennessee

CIVIC LEADERSHIP

REBUILDING TOGETHER NASHVILLE
Board of Directors, 2013-2014

Energy Efficiency Program Director | Mayor's Office of Environment and Sustainability

Oversaw energy efficiency initiatives for Nashville Mayor Karl Dean. Responsibilities included grant management, data analysis and reporting, marketing, stakeholder alignment, community outreach and external communications.