Describe your overall duties/responsibilities as a Project Manager:

I manage landscape architecture projects from beginning to end. Related projects include: site and amenity design for new development, park and open space design, adaptive re-use projects, and urban design. My involvement in the process includes: writing proposals, managing schedule and budget, client, consultant and staff coordination, design, drafting, and rendering.

Explain the skills/abilities that are required for being successful in your role:

Like myself, most landscape architecture graduates start as designers. This means producing ideas, collaborating, sketching, drafting, producing graphics and construction documents. These skills continue to stay relevant when moving into my current role. As a project manager, collaboration, communication, organization, and decision making skills become a priority. Keeping clients, consultants, and staff well informed and working together is vital to a successful project.

What advice would you give to students who are considering majoring in Landscape Architecture?

Landscape architecture is a commonly misunderstood field of work, often thought of as residential landscaping. Take time to dig into what it may mean to you before getting started. Design is collaborative, fun, and exciting but it comes with a time commitment. There are a variety of ways to experience this career field, give it time and you will find your place.