A GLIMPSE AT THE DUKE WILD PROGRAM EXPERIENCE, BY DEREK ANDERSON

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Derk Anderso, an inaugrl Duke WILD Program Felow and the Asitan Directo of the City of
 ColumbsDepartmn of Public Utiles reflcts on his exprinc with the WILD Program and
shares insght on his role as a water utily leadr.

Tel us about your care path - how di you get to your curent job?

“My care path to this role was intersg. I have servd in higer education in various senior
leadrship roles. Folwing my tenur in higer education, I worked in the Fedral Governmt in
the United Staes Senat. I then retund to higer education and then spent time in Stae
Governmt in Naturl Resourc and the Treasu of Stae.

Folwing those roles, I moved to city governmt and stared working for public utiles. I servd
as the departmn and city’s first leadr for Diversty and Inclusio and later as the Asitan
Adminstrao for Sewrag and Drainge.

The mayor of the City of Columbs apointed me to lead the Comunity Relations Comisn
and lead its transio into a new departmn. After serving in tha role, I retuned to Public
Utiles and curently serv as Asitan Directo with major focus on our Divson of Water and
its overal operatins.”

As a water utily leadr, what are the most chalengi isue you se the water sector facing today?

“The top chalengs tha I se are the upcoming transio in the workfce and our integrao