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Internship Description: Trails Protection Intern

The Connecticut Forest & Park Association (CFPA) is a member-based, nonprofit conservation organization established in Connecticut in 1895. CFPA's mission is to connect people to Connecticut's forests, parks, and Blue-Blazed Hiking Trails, and ensure these special places are protected and well-managed for future generations.

Scope and Impact

The Trails Protection Intern will work with CFPA's Trails Protection Coordinator, staff, and partners to assist in CFPA's goal of achieving permanent and/or greater protection of the land that hosts and keeps connected 825+ miles of Blue-Blazed Hiking Trails (BBHT).

Reports to: Trails Protection Coordinator

Primary Responsibilities

- Conduct GIS-based analysis of property ownership along CFPA's trail systems
- Work with CFPA's Trails Protection Coordinator to map trail protection priorities
- Develop maps and other materials as directed
- Other responsibilities as needed

Skills and Qualifications

An applicant for this position should:

- be skilled in using ArcGIS 10.4 (applicant should have a good understanding of spatial data formats and management, querying data, data processing, and working with attribute tables).
- be able to follow a detailed ArcGIS workflow.
- be able to work independently under the direction of the Trails Protection Coordinator.
- have a keen eye for details.
- have appreciation for the natural world, conservation, and outdoor recreation.

Location, Time Commitment, and Start Date

The intern will work out of CFPA's headquarters in the Rockfall area of Middlefield, CT. This internship will have a flexible level of time commitment but it's expected that the intern will be available at least one day per week, preferably Wednesdays. The ideal start date would be in September.

Compensation

Though unpaid, this internship will give interns vital skills and experience for a career in outdoor recreation, conservation, or land management, as well as a greater appreciation for the importance of CT's natural areas.

To Apply

Please submit resume and cover letter via email to jstevens@ctwoodlands.org with the subject line reading "Trails Protection Internship," AND complete the short application at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/67ueLcCVckaH8w28A>. Internship is open until filled. No phone inquiries, please.

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