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Summer 2026 Impact Interns Position Description

Organization Information

Organization Name: Ward 8 Woods Conservancy

Address: 3214 11th Place SE, Washington, DC 20032

Organization Website: ward8woods.org

Organization Description: Ward 8 Woods is a small grassroots organization that works to make the urban forests places of health, healing and empowerment. We act as de factor caretakers for more than 500 acres of land and work to reduce trash pollution and waste. Our outdoor learning programs bring residents into the woods to learn, connect, and recreate.

Position Logistics

Intern Preference: Graduate student

Start and End Date: June 23 to August 15

Hours per Week: 20

Number of Weeks: 10

Expected Daily Hours: Flexible

Important Availability Dates: N/A

Location: Hybrid of in-person and remote work

- 1 in-person days each week

Position Information

Core Technical Skill Set:

- Research - includes academic research, landscape analysis, and compiling recommendations and issue histories
- Fundraising - involves grant writing, prospect research and contact management, and donor stewardship

General Duties and Responsibilities:

- Research specific aspects of waste reduction and management as assigned
- Research related to the health and management of urban forests
- Develop draft legislation and advocacy materials
- Assist with grant research and grant writing

Specific Deliverable(s):

- To be determined, based on duties listed above

Qualifications:

- Ability to work independently
- Strong research and writing skills

Preferences:

- Legal, policy development, or advocacy experience
- Background in environmental studies, waste management, or recycling
- Grant writing experience

Physical Demands of Position: It would be great, but not required, for the intern to participate in trash remediation work with our crew in the woods a few times during the summer.