



Urban Forestry Internship

Mission - *Growing greener, healthier neighborhoods.*

Vision - *To grow a just and sustainable community through urban agriculture, urban forestry, and environmental education.*

Internship Description and Responsibilities

Work with the Urban forestry program manager to effectively complete tasks associated with the Urban Forestry Program. This includes, but is not limited to:

1. Canvassing residential houses to gain sign-ups for trees.
 - a. Go door to door within planting areas to ask homeowners if they would like a tree
 - b. Help Homeowners select the right trees for their yard
 - c. Help homeowners select the right place for their tree in their yard
 - d. Site ROW trees
2. Inspecting previously planted trees
 - a. Check for signs of disease, damage, and measure for growth.
 - a. Log previously planted trees into a tracking app and make notes on needed maintenance
 - b. Communicate tree maintenance needs to homeowners
 - c. Mulch, prune, water trees as needed
3. Help to carry out tree planting volunteer work days
 - a. Communication with tree recipients, residents or property owners.
 - b. Make 811 (Before U Dig) calls to have public utilities located.
 - c. Deliver trees to homeowners
 - d. Set-up Tools for volunteers
 - e. Lead volunteer groups to plant trees
4. Other tasks as needed

Requirements

- Position available year-round (assigned tasks will vary based on time of year internship is undertaken)
- Must demonstrate interest in Louisville Grows' Urban Forestry Programming. This includes an interest in the urban tree canopy, the benefits and challenges of an urban forest, community-building and health events, and the intersection of all of these topics and goals of social justice.
- Must be willing to carry out programming tasks. This includes organization of volunteer workers, lifting and carrying materials up to 50 lbs, and communicating effectively with the program manager, sometimes work in uncomfortable weather conditions.
- Must be comfortable interacting with a wide variety of people with varying backgrounds, skills, and knowledge.
- A great applicant will be able to adapt to a rapidly-changing environment.
- Means of self-transportation is highly recommended but not required.
- Knowledge or prior experience in forestry, event coordinating, and/or volunteer leadership is preferred but not required.

Benefits

- Experience urban forestry practices working directly with the community
- Shadowing, mentoring and training opportunities with experienced, knowledgeable professionals
- Learn cross team communications and project management skills
- Attend weekly meetings and participate in networking events
- Flexible schedule for students

Salary Level: Unpaid – for credit

Interested applicants should email Lisa Dettlinger, Program Director, at programs@louisvillegrows.org with a resume and any specifications, including hours required for your program, hours and dates available, and any other relevant information about your program or personal needs.

