



Virtual Volunteer Conservation Internship Program

With Vice-Chair, Director, and Chair of the Legislative Outreach Committee Laura Lee Thompson

Requirements:

- Work a minimum of 5 hours a week for a minimum of 12 weeks, 60 hours. (weeks don't have to be consecutive) The internship can be done remotely or through a mixture of virtual and in-person
- Must have access to a computer and phone
- No experience necessary, 14+ years of age
- All Interns for 2024 will focus on helping draft a grant application for around \$20 million with the Environmental Protection Agency. The grant projects focus on the reduction of pollution in economically disadvantaged communities.

Responsibilities after finishing the EPA Grant may include:

- Help on projects that involve agriculture, the environment, politics, conservation, and natural resources.
- Promote the Agriculture Cost Share Program (VACS)
- Promote the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP)
- Speak at virtual community events
- Draft Newsletter and blog content
- Create a directory of Virginia organizations providing resources to farmers
- Lobby agriculture and conservation legislation
- Attend virtual agriculture, gardening, and conservation meetings and write posts for social media for The James River Garden Club, Farm Club, and Green Team
- Attend weekly meetings with the internship team
- Help build community partnerships and work on a grant application
- Conduct phone surveys to help the expansion of conservation programs to small farms
- Create your own projects (with approval)
- Can get hours for gardening, farming, composting, and or picking up litter.
- Can opt into getting internship hours on the campaign internship

Prospective interns should email Laura Thompson at

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