



Internship Opportunity

Title: Land Conservation Assistant

Location: The Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park, 3400 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, MD

Commitment Required: At least two months, full-time, spring/summer 2009.

Qualifications:

- Computer skills, including competency in Geographic Information Systems (ArcGIS).
- Map reading skills.
- Good communication skills.
- Valid driver's license and clean driving record.
- Must be a student or recent graduate of an accredited college or university (2 year, 4 year, or graduate school)

What to Expect: Work closely on a daily basis with professionals in the Accokeek Foundation's Mount Vernon Viewshed Protection Program. The Foundation is in the process of identifying and analyzing specific parcels in Prince George's and Charles Counties in Maryland that are in the direct viewshed of Mount Vernon, and that may warrant conservation measures. There will also be the opportunity to participate in strategy sessions on land conservation initiatives, attend zoning and planning meetings in the two Counties, and meet other land conservation professionals in government and nonprofits.

Academic Credit: Credit is up to the intern's own institution. However, the Accokeek Foundation does work with a number of higher education institutions to provide academic credit to interns.

About the Accokeek Foundation: By blending history, ecology, economics and conservation, the Accokeek Foundation teaches land stewardship and sustainable use of natural resources, as well as interprets the natural and cultural heritage of the Tidewater Potomac. The National Colonial Farm, the Ecosystem Farm, and other Foundation activities exemplify the agricultural, preservation and conservation goals that are at the core of the Foundation's mission and serve as an outdoor classroom to further the educational programs that are key to its success. In partnership with the National Park Service, the Accokeek Foundation stewards a 200-acre portion of Piscataway Park and both organizations seek to preserve the view directly across the Potomac River from Mount Vernon.

About the Mount Vernon Viewshed Protection Program: The program's mission is to encourage land conservation and compatible economic development in a section of the Potomac River corridor in Prince George's and Charles counties Maryland, encompassing the viewshed of George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and other resources of natural, cultural, and scenic

value. Such lands are defined collectively as the “conservation area.” The program is being accomplished through a collaborative effort among the private, nonprofit and public sectors.

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