

# Spring Creek Greenway Trail Coordinator Internship - Summer 2016

**Organization:** Bayou Land Conservancy

**Location:** 10330 Lake Rd. Bldg. J Houston, TX 77070

**Website:** [www.BayouLandConservancy.org](http://www.BayouLandConservancy.org)

**Mission:** Bayou Land Conservancy is a community-sponsored land preservation organization working with willing landowners to permanently protect land in the greater Houston region. We preserve river and bayou corridors, other properties with significant wildlife habitat value and places where family recreation can occur in harmony with nature. Our "No Child Left Inside" education program connects tomorrow's conservation leaders with nature today. Bayou Land Conservancy is proud to have conserved over 12,000 acres in the Houston area.

**Internship Description:** We are seeking a high-energy individual to temporarily join our team for Summer 2016. We are looking for a returning college sophomore, junior, or senior biology students with an ecology focus to gain real-world field experience with our land stewardship department. *The selected Intern will receive a stipend of \$2,750 for the eight consecutive week internship (May 30 – July 22) and will work 40 hours/week. Intern will participate in ExxonMobil's Community Summer Jobs Program.*

**Roles and Responsibilities:** As the Spring Creek Greenway Trail Coordinator, the intern will assist in the establishment of an extensive 13-mile trail system through many of Bayou Land Conservancy's preserves and other public lands. During the 8 weeks period, the intern will complete the following projects:

1. Work with staff and trained volunteers to ground-truth trail alignment and flagging placement.
2. Guide members of the Texas Historical Commission throughout the 13-mile trail for sampling and data collection.
3. Lead volunteer groups and teach proper trail creation and maintenance techniques.
4. Assist with the organization of summer crews to blaze portions of the trail.
5. Map trail alignment, BLC preserves, and project partner land using ArcGIS.

## Qualifications:

- Intern must be a **returning college sophomore, junior, or senior enrolled full-time** (at least 12 credit hours) in Fall 2016 with ability to verify enrollment status
- Intern will attend three or more networking events coordinated by Volunteer Houston
- Ability to traverse challenging terrain and work outdoors in hot conditions

## Desired skills:

- Knowledge of local ecology
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- ArcGIS course work or experience
- Ability to multitask
- Interest and passion for land conservation

**Project Area:** The Intern will primarily office out of Bayou Land Conservancy's Lake Rd. office, in NW Harris Co., but will travel to the Spring Creek Greenway in northern Harris County and southern Montgomery County for trail work and meetings. No overnight travel is required.

**Learning Objectives/ Benefits:** The selected intern will learn skills necessary to work in the field of environmental science. He or she will gain knowledge of our local ecosystem and learn how to utilize mapping software for effective and direct update of trail conditions. This internship will contribute to the completion of a 13-mile hike and bike trail through the Spring Creek Greenway that dozens of local communities will use to improve their quality of life and health.

**To Apply:** Please provide a resume, two references, and a cover letter explaining your interest in the position.

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**Application Deadline:** March 15, 2016

