

Semester Internship Opportunity with the Central Savannah River Land Trust

The Central Savannah River Land Trust is a local, non-profit conservation organization dedicated to preserving the CSRA's natural landscape for the generations to come. Among its other duties, the Land Trust currently manages Augusta-Richmond County's Greenspace Program - a state-wide program that provides resources for GA counties to preserve public land for public use. The Land Trust is looking for an intern for the Spring of '06 to help manage one of the Greenspace Program's current projects: the Rocky Creek Urban Greenspace.

About the Project:

The Land Trust has preserved 15.5 acres of hardwood and pine forest buffering Rocky Creek in South Augusta, just downstream from Regency Mall. This new preserve is in a very urbanized area and backs up to a large residential community. The Land Trust, through the help of its partner organizations and several private grants, plans to transform this property into a passive recreational facility that can be used to educate and provide enjoyment and outdoor exercise for neighboring residents.

Goals of the Internship:

The Land Trust intern will:

- convene several neighborhood focus groups/discussion groups to discern residents' level of awareness, apprehensions, desires, etc. with regards to the Greenspace preserve.
- utilize grant funds to organize outdoor events on the property including volunteer work days and educational events (kids days, etc). The goal of these events will be to aid the Land Trust's restoration efforts and to raise awareness among residents for the environment, land conservation, and the greenspace program.
- work to build a new level of respect for the environment among residents and encourage outdoor recreation and exploration.

Qualifications:

The intern must be well-spoken and comfortable working with diverse groups of people. Experience managing volunteers and/or working with focus groups is preferred. Proficiency with e-mail and word processing software is required. Must have a valid drivers license.

This internship will require approximately 10-15 hours a week during the semester and is unpaid. Class credit may be available.

To apply, please send a one-page cover letter and resume to info@csrlt.org. For more information on the Land Trust, please visit www.csrlt.org. No phone calls, please.