

Sustainability Service-Learning Position

Internship Summary

The Sustainability Service-Learning Intern will support Cleveland Metroparks Volunteer Recycling Program and sustainability initiatives. This position offers hands-on experience in environmental stewardship, waste management, and volunteer engagement. The Sustainability Intern will work closely with staff and volunteers at the Recycling Center located at Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation to sort, weigh, and track recyclable materials, helping to reduce landfill waste and promote sustainable practices throughout the Park District.

Responsibilities and Requirements

Key Responsibilities and activities may include (but are not limited to):

- **Recycling Operations:** Assist with sorting, weighing, and recording recyclable materials such as paper, plastics, and metals. Help identify and remove contaminants from recycling streams.
- **Sustainability Education:** Learn and share best practices for recycling and sustainability with volunteers and park guests.
- **Data Collection & Reporting:** Track recycling volumes and contamination rates; assist with data entry and analysis to measure program impact.
- **Volunteer Engagement:** Support volunteer teams by providing guidance, answering questions, and helping to maintain a safe and productive work environment.
- **Facility Maintenance:** Help maintain the cleanliness and organization of the Recycling Center and surrounding areas.

Requirements

Minimum Experience: Interest in sustainability, environmental science, or public service. Prior experience with recycling or environmental programs is helpful but not required.

- **Physical Requirements:** Ability to lift up to 25 pounds and work in varying weather conditions. Must be comfortable working outdoors.
- **Schedule:** Available to work on-site Wednesdays and Fridays at the Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation Management Center (6100 W Canal Road, Valley View) from 8:30 – 11:30 am, with flexibility for additional days based on project needs and intern availability.
- **Transportation:** Must have reliable transportation to and from the work site.
- **Preferred Experience:** Demonstrated reliability, attention to detail, and enthusiasm for environmental stewardship.
- **Minimum Education:** High school senior (18 or over) or currently enrolled in an accredited college or university with coursework in sustainability, environmental science, public administration, or a related field.

Application: Click [here](#) to apply.