environmental Volunteer and Internship Program (eVIP)

For more than a decade, the Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has worked to educate citizens, provide ecological restoration, and monitor water bodies through our volunteer programs. The Orange County eVIP Internship program is one of many volunteer opportunities for college and high school students available through this dynamic program.

Internship Program Guidelines:

- Interns must commit to at least a three month long program (with an option to extend)
- Interns must complete the eVIP Internship Application, Orange County Human Resources Forms, clear a background check and pass a drug screening test
- Internship can be used for college credit if applicable
- These are unpaid Internships with the opportunity to become a paid internship after initial commitment has been met (only college students are eligible for paid positions)
- Community service and service learning hour documentation available upon request
- Travel expenses related to volunteer activities may be tax deductible, documentation available upon request
- Additional volunteer opportunities are available and listed in the eVIP monthly newsletter

1. eVIP Community Involvement Internship Program Description:

1) eVIP Intern will attend an orientation and training session
2) eVIP Intern will be trained in Education, Community Outreach and/or Volunteer Programs which benefit the Orange County community
3) eVIP Interns will help identify outreach needs and may assist to fill requests for community watershed education programs
4) eVIP Intern may provide support for Public Relations special projects and tabling events
5) eVIP Intern may help to plan, organize and/or participate in weekend community volunteer projects
6) eVIP Intern will assist with clerical duties and project management at EPD office
7) After successful completion of program, eVIP Intern will be evaluated to continue as appropriate

2. eVIP Environmental Science Internship Program Description:

1) eVIP Intern will attend an orientation and training session
2) eVIP Intern will participate in educational programs with local experts and scientists
3) eVIP Interns will be paired with a staff mentor and will assist EPD on a variety of available opportunities
4) eVIP Interns will volunteer a minimum of 10 hours per week at the EPD Office
5) eVIP Interns will be given work space
6) After successful completion of the project, eVIP Intern will turn in project deliverables as required by Orange County (additional documentation may be required by individual Professors)
7) After successful completion of program, eVIP Intern will be evaluated to continue as appropriate