

Sustainability intern with the City of Jasper

The City of Jasper, through its Comprehensive Plan, is dedicated to proactively address growth and development along with protection of natural features within the incorporated area and extra-territorial jurisdiction. The Plan seeks to make the most efficient use of public land, infrastructure and services for the entire community. It encourages redevelopment and infill of historic, vacant and underutilized structures in its downtown core.

Job description

The sustainability intern with the City of Jasper will be tasked with evaluating the city's departments and identifying sustainability-related initiatives the city can employ. The intern will work closely with the Mayor's office, Engineering, Storm Water, Planning and Community Development and the Parks departments to examine existing practices and identify opportunities to enhance sustainability. The intern will be expected to provide an in-depth report that includes cost-benefit analysis of various proposals. The intern will also be asked to provide input into the update of the existing Comprehensive Plan

The ideal candidate will be skilled at program and economic analysis, able to communicate effectively with various groups and have a passion for creating a sustainable future for Indiana. The candidate must be able to work both independently and as part of a team. Undergraduate students completing their junior year, or first-year graduate students are strongly encouraged to apply. The intern will report the City Engineer Chad Hurm. Participation in various City meetings will be required.

Compensation will be in the form of a stipend through the Indiana Sustainability Development Program. The intern will work full time for 10 weeks beginning in May and ending in August. Exact beginning and end dates are negotiable. Interns will be required to attend a bootcamp on the IU Bloomington campus from May 14-18.

Feedback and evaluation

The intern will be given regular feedback on progress and performance. Success in the internship will be determined by the completion of specified projects in a professional and timely manner. The intern should learn how government operates, how to balance competing priorities and how to develop and maintain professional relationships.