

## Environment / Conservation Project Ideas

No matter what industry you are in, any business field can benefit from utilizing interns to their fullest potential. One of the many myths about internships is that employers cannot find the time to delegate meaningful work to their interns. The reality is that through thoughtful organization, a great number of assignments and tasks can be given to interns to save employers both time and labor. Below is a list of responsibilities, or “real work,” that interns can do in the environment/conservation field:

- Work on trail construction and watershed restoration projects
- Complete high-priority conservation projects and facilitate educational activities
- Work with project sponsors to coordinate and ensure project completion
- Train crew in work skills and proper tool use and maintenance
- Ensure the safety of the crew at all times
- Regularly update VYCC headquarters on progress, developments, or challenges
- Liaison with a diverse group of Corps Members
- Implement new methods of brush removal and herbicide, exotic weed control, seed collection, processing and planting, wildlife management and wetland and stream restoration
- Work on biological surveys
- Collect and process native seed, as well as mix seed and sow it onto restoration sites
- Assist various plant inventories
- Assist with prescription burns
- Help improve plant identification skills
- Help build the global warming campaign
- Encourage people to sign up for clean energy