Internship Opportunity with Statewide Environmental Organization

Arthur V. Savage Internship Program

The Arthur V. Savage Internship Program offers an opportunity for undergraduates, graduate students, and recent graduates to work in Albany with the Parks & Trails New York (PTNY) staff to shape policies, organize grassroots constituents and provide stewardship for parks, trails, and other outdoor recreational facilities. The program provides interns with valuable, first-hand professional experience in the environmental field.

Specific Responsibilities: Assist with a variety of program, research, communications, and outreach tasks related to protecting, promoting and enhancing New York’s parks and trails. Projects include:

- **Events** – assist in organizing and promoting the statewide I Love My Park Day, Canal Clean Sweep, and Park and Trail Advocacy Days.
- **Communications** – assist with print and e-publications, website content and production, social media, and other outreach.
- **Advocacy & Research** – assist with PTNY’s advocacy efforts for parks and trails funding and bicycle and pedestrian projects, and participate in lobbying and communicate with elected officials staff.

Qualifications/Skills: Well organized, excellent oral and written communications skills, multi-tasker, strategic thinker, experience with Microsoft Office and web-based tools. Demonstrated interest/experience in environmental, conservation, parks, trails, and/or active transportation issues.

Hours: Part-time, approximately 20 hours/week, beginning in September and running through December with the possibility of continuing through the spring. Hours are flexible in terms of days and times but must be within regular work week hours (M-F, 9-5).

Work Environment: Friendly and hard-working staff; interns work very closely with staff. Casual atmosphere.

Compensation: $14 per hour, may be used for college internship requirements.

To Apply: Please send a cover letter, resume, and references (including a former employer or supervisor of volunteer work) by June 30, 2020 to careers@ptny.org with the subject line “ASI Internship.” Include proposed work schedule in cover letter.


PTNY is the leading statewide organization working to promote, enhance and protect a network of parks, trails and greenways across the state.

Arthur V. Savage (1926-2012) was a distinguished lawyer-conservationist, with a particular devotion to the preservation of open spaces and public parks in New York State. During the last half of the 20th century, Arthur co-founded or led a large number of nonprofit organizations that shape environmental laws, protect natural resources, and educate the public about conservation values. He was a 20-year member of the PTNY Board of Directors. To honor the life and legacy of one of New York State’s most influential environmentalists, PTNY is proud to offer the Arthur V. Savage Internship Program.