



Summer 2021 Opportunity

Conservation Easement Monitoring

The Land Preservation Trust, Inc. is a non-profit land trust that operates primarily in northern Baltimore County. LPT holds conservation easements on over 13,000 acres in over 350 properties and is the administrator for the State of Maryland's Rural Legacy program in Baltimore County. LPT co-holds conservation easements with the Maryland Environmental Trust, the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation and Baltimore County.

LPT is looking for a summer intern to work during the summer of 2021 and to shadow our senior easement administrator on site visits. The work would consist of:

- reviewing conservation deed of easement terms on small, primarily residential properties, accessing recorded conservation deeds online
- using online aerial photographs to assess compliance with the terms of the easement
- entering data from the conservation easement deeds and review of the photographs into LPT's data base and
- uploading documents, data and pictures to LPT's cloud storage files
- the student will make a limited number of independent site visits to validate the accuracy and effectiveness of using the aerial photos for monitoring easement compliance

The time in the field shadowing LPT's senior easement coordinator would be on field visits to larger, primarily agricultural properties (2 or 3 days a month): she is amazingly knowledgeable about conservation and natural resource easements and shadowing her will be a great learning experience.

Training will include:

- accessing recorded conservation deeds of easement online
- reviewing conservation deeds of easement for key use restrictions and allowances
- capturing data in LPT's easement data base (in Excel)
- storing data and documents in LPT's cloud storage (on Amazon Web Services)
- a broad overview of how conservation easements function to preserve agricultural use of rural land and natural resource management

Gain valuable conservation and natural resource experience and get paid:

- the student intern will earn \$15.00 per hour

Requirements: the student intern

- must be able to work independently and have experience working online accessing data and documents from public sites; will work remotely but must be available to be in Baltimore County for site visits
- begin work around June 1st and be available to work through August; hours will be flexible, with an expected average of 20 hours per week
- must have a computer, internet access, a current driver's license and access to a vehicle

Applications should be submitted to LPT, attention Michael Sonnenfeld at:

easements@thelandpreservationtrust.org, and must include the student's resume, a paragraph detailing their experience with natural resource conservation terms and requirements, computer experience and how this experience would complement their education goals. Please include any other information that may be relevant. **Resumes must be submitted by Wednesday, May 25, 2021 to be considered.**