



INTERNSHIP IN SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP at Hoffler Creek Wildlife Preserve



ADDRESSING THE DISCORDANCE BETWEEN CONSERVATION EFFORTS AT HOFFLER CREEK WILDLIFE PRESERVE AND THE URBAN ECOSYSTEM

INTERNSHIP GOALS



ASSIST THE HOST INSTITUTE

Help with daily tasks, programs, and engage with visitors and volunteers



LEARN HOW NGO'S ARE RUN

Gain first-hand experience working for a non-governmental organization



CASE STUDY REPORT

Write a case study report focused on the host institute and offer recommendations



RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Establish an early education storytime program** to raise literacy rates and expose children to nature
2. **Develop an interpretive digital media experience** to make information accessible and personally relevant to visitors
3. **Pursue volunteer retention** to increase volunteer satisfaction and decrease labor concerns

THE WICKED PROBLEM AND THREATS

- There is a disconnect between the conservation efforts being made within the preserve, and how its role in the wider urban ecosystem is perceived by society
- Portsmouth has a major lack of public green spaces, and minority groups are often more negatively affected than others
- Current society is anthropocentric, or human-centered, in nature
- Threats to Hoffler Creek Wildlife Preserve are anthropocentrism, loss of resources, invasive plants, the pet trade and poaching, and increasing urbanization



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