

## **2024 Merrit College Intern Position Information**

**Organization Name:** East Bay Regional Park District, Stewardship Department, Water Management Program; one position available.

**Organization Description:** The East Bay Regional Park District ("Park District") comprises nearly 125,000 acres in 74 parks in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. The Park District's mission is to acquire, preserve, protect, and operate regional parklands in perpetuity for public use, while conserving these lands for natural resources. As such the Park District performs routine park maintenance to maintain existing facilities and structures, improve watersheds and coastal shoreline conditions. The effects of these activities on wildlife are constantly monitored. Over 90 percent of Park District lands are protected and operated as natural parklands.

**Relevant Links for More Information:**

[Healthy Parks Healthy People | East Bay Parks \(ebparks.org\)](https://www.ebparks.org)  
<https://www.ebparks.org/natural-resources>

**Scope of Work/Deliverables:** The Park District's many parks each have service yards for their operational and interpretive staff. These service yards are where park equipment and vehicles are stored and washed. Most service yards have boneyards for storing landscaping materials, dumpsters, lighting infrastructure and some service yards have fuel stations. Many service yards are in sensitive areas or drain to sensitive areas and don't have designated management practices to protect the resources. There is the potential for hydrocarbons, metals, trash, sediment and weeds to enter nearby waterbodies and habitat. This intern will work with staff in the Park District's Stewardship Department to assess the natural resources around each park's service yard and identify potential impacts and best management practices to protect the Park District's resources. The intern will visit and document this information on as many service yards as possible. The data collected will be prioritized and help us better understand which service yards have the potential to impact the resources around them. Duties will include coordination with Park staff, identifying resources and creating maps and photo documentation to help inform possible recommendations.

**Internship location/How much of the work is remote versus in-person?** This position is mostly office-based (70%) with some field-based work (30%). The office-based work has the option to be performed remotely.

**What environmental issues/problems will the work address?** The intern's effort will generate information on the potential for Park District service yards to impact natural resources and help identify best management practices to limit potential impacts. The work the student performs will support the development of management recommendations. Our goal is to protect Park District resources from potential impacts from the operation of service yards. This resource management work will benefit the ecological health and biodiversity of parklands.

**Pay:** \$19.87 per hour.

**Desired Qualifications:** Strong interest in land management, adequate computer skills, ability to learn how to use GPS/GIS mapping software to collect quality data in the field; ability to work independently, quality work ethic and attention to detail; and good interpersonal and communication skills.

**Special Requirements:** Tasks include some field work requiring bending, stooping, kneeling, and hiking on uneven terrain and surfaces; work may occur in adverse weather conditions and in noxious vegetation including poison oak; around stinging insects and other wildlife. Intern should be able and willing to spend

many of the internship hours reviewing documents and organizing information and arguments. Valid Driver's License and clean driving record required for travel to different parks. All East Bay Regional Park District employees are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as a condition of employment. Note: The position may be available for an early start (before August 19) and for more than the 162 hours required for the internship course.