Modeling Sustainability Through Partnerships in State Parks and Forests

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DCNR Infrastructure

• 120 State Parks
• 2.2 Million Acres of Forest Lands
• 4000 Buildings (10 LEED Certified)
• $3M+ Annual Electricity Bills
• 3000+ Vehicles and Equipment
• 2600 FT/PT Employees
DCNR
Sustainability Initiative

- Increase energy efficiency
- Promote green technologies
- Provide technical assistance
- Reduce impacts of oil and gas
- Implement new policies
- Create partnerships
- Leave a REAL legacy!

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Comprehensive Approach to Sustainability

- Policies and Programs
- Parks and Forests
- Buildings and Infrastructure
- Energy
- Fleet and Equipment
Increase Number of High Performing Buildings

• Increase by 50% the number of LEED-certified green buildings and landscapes on state parks and forests

• Design at least 5 new green buildings and landscapes for future LEED certification by 2020
Nature Inn at Bald Eagle State Park

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Partnering with Higher Education to Create a REAL Legacy

• Engage with local park or forest
• Provide for multi-disciplinary approach
• Create proposals to advance sustainability

• Tentative Timeline:
  – Details in December
  – Proposals due in May
  – Projects commence in Fall 2016
Public Service Internship Program

• Paid Civil Service Internship ($14.03/hr)
• Current enrollment as a full-time student in an accredited bachelor’s degree program and completion of first two years towards degree (65 credits minimum) with at least 12 credits or 4 courses in major field of study
• Six month internship can be scheduled in a variety of ways
• After satisfactorily completing internship and degree they can be placed into a permanent civil service position that aligns with their major and the internship they completed
Public Service Internship Program

• Student will complete application online at scsc.state.pa.us
• Click on JOB SEEKERS tab
• Application will include:
  
  – A supplement to allow the SCSC to capture the student’s major, which will be used in the selective certification process

  – A form that must be completed and returned by the school authorizing the student to participate in the internship

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DCNR Career Opportunities

- Park Manager Trainee
- Recreation and Conservation Advisor Trainee
- Information Technology Trainee
- Administration and Management Trainee
- Civil Engineer Trainee
Let’s Continue the Conversation

DCNR/Higher Education Conference Call
Tuesday, October 27
3:30-4:30

Call In: 717.612.4788
Pin: 369039#

Email RSVP: micwalsh@pa.gov

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Three “Pillars” of a Green Ribbon College/University:

• Reduce environmental impact of buildings & grounds
• Improve health & wellness of students & staff
• Provide effective environmental & sustainability education

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Applications must be submitted to PDE by December 7th!

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Scheduled ED-GRS “office hours:”

- **Wednesday, October 14th** from 3-4pm
- **Tuesday, November 10th** from 3-4pm

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