



**Cornell University**  
Cooperative Extension  
of Suffolk County



**Peconic Estuary**  
PROGRAM

**Position Title:** Peconic Estuary Program Internship: Terrapin Monitoring  
**Location:** Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County  
423 Griffing Avenue Riverhead, NY 11901

**Position Summary:** The Peconic Estuary Program (PEP) is an innovative partnership of local, state, and federal governments, citizen and environmental groups, businesses and industries, and academic institutions charged with carrying out the goals of improved water quality and ecosystem health as outlined in PEP's Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan. The intern will be surveying multiple locations across Long Island's east end from May through August to determine terrapin nest presence or absence, evaluate the accessibility of the locations, and analyze data to determine ideal monitoring sites for 2019. The intern will be responsible for leading multiple volunteer terrapin monitoring events.

The position will be based out of Riverhead, NY and Sag Harbor, NY. The majority of the work will be outdoors during the day in potentially adverse weather conditions. Some in office work will be required with hour flexibility. This opportunity will be approximately 15-20 hours per week and will be offered from May 22nd through August 15<sup>th</sup> 2018; occasional weekends and orientation will be required. A reliable source of transportation is necessary. This is a non-paid internship.

**Major Responsibilities:**

- Visit multiple sites across the east end of Long Island to survey terrapin populations and nests.
- Follow protocols to ensure accurate and reliable data records.
- Lead multiple public outreach events for terrapin monitoring events.
- Data input and analysis to identify potential monitoring sites for 2019.

**Skills:**

- Ability to handle multiple tasks while maintaining a positive and professional attitude.
- Ability to have a flexible schedule based on demands of program and needs of staff.
- Willingness to participate as a team member and to interact with the general public.
- Ability to volunteer outdoors and perform physical tasks as needed.
- Willingness to travel to eastern Long Island in the evenings.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Ability to lift 50 pounds and willingness to work in adverse weather conditions.

*Please send resume and cover letter to Jenna Schwerzmann [jms937@cornell.edu](mailto:jms937@cornell.edu) 631-727-7850 ext. 353 by Friday, May 18, 2018.*



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