

Position Title: Peconic Estuary Partnership Internship: Otter Monitoring
Location: Riverhead County Center, 300 Center Drive Suite 250S, Riverhead, NY 11901

Position Summary: The Peconic Estuary Partnership (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 is responsible for assisting with the collection of scientific data on Peconic Estuary and Watershed Otter Surveys in the Spring from March through May. The intern must be available for an Otter Survey Workshop Training in February. The ideal candidate will have a biology background.

The position will be based out of Hampton Bays, NY. The majority of the work will be outdoors in potentially adverse weather conditions. This opportunity will be approximately three hours per week over three months. A reliable source of transportation is necessary. This is a non-paid internship. This internship is eligible for academic credit.

Major Responsibilities:

- Monitor otters at designated survey sites.
- Follow protocols to ensure accurate and reliable data records. Enter survey data into Wildlife Monitoring Network LI website.
- Compile your data and analyze trends and clusters of activity.

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 evening.
- 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 Barry Volson barry.volson@stonybrook.edu and Valerie Virgona valerie.virgona@stonybrook.edu to apply. Applications are due January 30, 2023.