

Connecting a Non-Forestry School Urban Forestry Course to Urban Greening Nonprofits (UGNP's)

or

**How Can UGNP's Find Student Interns, FT Employees and Case Study
Partners at Non-Forestry Schools?**

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Forestry Schools & UFM

- Most forestry students want to be rural lands foresters
- Some students enroll in arboriculture – tree climbing!
- Fewer students enroll in urban forestry
- Arboriculture/UF students really well trained in tree biology!
- So, good place to look but opportunities are scarce



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INDIANA UNIVERSITY

- Each Sp ~40 seniors/masters students enroll in UFM class
- Majors - Environmental Mgmt (UG's) & MSES/MPA (Grads)
- Not Arboriculture but Urban Forestry (i.e. social-ecological system)
- Class projects: B'ton/IUB neighborhood case studies
- Always searching for class project opportunities!

How to Connect with Instructors/Programs

- **Explore environmental degree programs (UF/UE type course?)**
 - Environmental Science/Studies/Management
 - Sustainability with an Environmental Focus
 - Urban Studies with an Environmental Focus
 - Nonprofit Management (note: I speak to NPM class each year)
- **Find interested faculty**
 - Class Visits – Guest Speakers, Panel Members, Job Fairs
 - Present Questions You Would Like to See Addressed
 - Case Study Projects – small to large
- **Offer Internships, Full-time Positions, Volunteer Events, etc.**



- Guest appearances each year
 - Community Forestry
 - Youth Tree Team
 - KIB Geographer/Data Geek
 - All advertise Internships & Job Announcements



Staff Interaction with Students

- Staff conduct in-class exercise – they record findings!
- Draft “Tree Canopy Report: Indianapolis-Marion County”
 - Individual student homework assignment
 - Identify 3 most important themes
 - Each theme – identify most important user/customer
 - Results summarized and provided back to KIB
- Case Study – TBD – Maybe the KIB Tree Canopy Planner?

The Connection: Urban Greening Nonprofits & Non-Forestry Schools

- Opportunity to Raise Your Flag in a Classroom
- Source of Interns & Full-time Employees
- Schedule Events with Students
- Class Projects
- Case Studies
- The Possibilities are Endless!