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

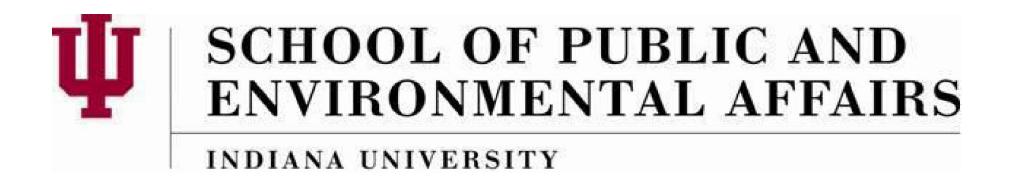
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How Can UGNP's Find Student Interns, FT Employees and Case Study Partners at Non-Forestry Schools?

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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



- 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!