

Ben Rosner (Au Sable and Cedarville (2002) Alumnus), now working with an environmental restoration firm in Virginia, recently wrote the following:

I am still with the same firm and am enjoying my job and the generous amount of time it allows me to spend outdoors in creation. The company has recently signed a contract to perform stream restorations on approximately 28 miles of streams in Reston, Virginia. The project has already begun and will continue for at least the next 10 to 15 years, with monitoring periods extending beyond. The benthic organism ID from general ecology has come in handy for me in this area as part of my involvement with the restorations includes identifications and inventories of these species. I have continued taking some courses at the USDA graduate school to keep me sharp as well as a soils course with North Carolina State University. This July I will travel to Montana to take a stream restoration class from Dr. Dave Rosgen.

Please feel free to include my company's name (Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc.) and their website (www.wetlandstudies.com), as my company does offer a summer internship, which I took part in before my senior year. The internship is very "hands on" and revolves around the actual construction/restoration and maintenance of the wetland and streams. The internship does pay, although it may be a better opportunity for someone who lives in the area because temporary housing can be rather expensive unless roommates! can be found.

Please feel free to pass the info along. If there is any other information I can provide, I would be happy to do so.