Background:
Internship opportunity was provided through the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)
• Assigned to local government position at Licking County Planning Commission (LCPC)
• Started internship in early May and ended in mid-August
• Found opportunity through Indeed

Daily Tasks and Activities:
A large portion of my job was performing traffic and pedestrian count studies to gain an understanding of traffic patterns and active transportation numbers.
• Located best places to place counting equipment
• Set up traffic counting equipment across roads in multiple places throughout the county
• Strategically placed pedestrian counting equipment in places of high activity including Buckeye Lake

What I learned:
During my internship, one of my key takeaways was simply learning how local government functions, especially in a rapidly developing area such as Licking County. Some of the other key skills I learned included:
• How to efficiently read construction plans
• How to identify construction site violations
• How to set up traffic counting equipment
• Steps needed in order to get development plans approved and implemented

Location and Scope:
Internship opportunity took place at the office in Newark, OH
• Encompassed all of Licking County

Unique Opportunities:
Throughout my internship, I was given many unique opportunities that helped excel my learning and gave me a better understanding of varying topics. Some of these opportunities included:
• Buckeye Lake Sustainability Forum
• Ability to conduct site visits on my own using state vehicle
• Smart Columbus Tour

Reflection:
Prior to starting my internship, I was unsure of what direction I wanted to take for my career. However, after this opportunity, I learned a lot of valuable information that has broadened my understanding of where my career could be heading. Some of the items I took away included:
• Possible career in public sector
• A passion for local community
• Many opportunities for environmental consulting

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