

School of Environment and Natural Resources

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INTRODUCTION



The Clean Fuels Ohio Logo

Clean Fuels Ohio is a nonprofit organization apart of the national Clean Cities Coalition located in Columbus Ohio. Clean Fuels Ohio is a leader in integrating cleaner transportation into communities and organizations. They do this by:

- Consulting
- Policy & government relations
- Providing resources and recommendations

Clean Fuels Ohio's mission statement is that they are "a national Clean Cities Coalition that works to support energy and economic security through partnerships that advance affordable, efficient, and environmentally beneficial domestic transportation fuels, technologies, and mobility systems."



The organizations apart of Clean Cities coalitions work to implement alternative fuels in businesses, communities, and organizations.

BACKGROUND

I was hired on at Clean Fuels Ohio in May of 2022 into their Consulting Services Program as a Program Assistant. My duties as Program Assistant include:

- Data Quantification
- Data Analysis
- Program Support

WHAT IT WAS LIKE

I had a very positive experience working at Clean Fuels Ohio. They offered me flexible hours and had great understanding when it comes to balancing school on top of work.

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I was able to either work from home or in the office.
- I organized client data from the organizations and cities that I was working on projects for.
- I ran fleet assessments and gave short- and long-term recommendations to the organizations and cities that I was working on projects for.
- I assisted the Consulting Services Manager and Consulting Services Coordinator with research, communication, analysis, and much more.



Here's a picture of my nametag on my desk. Though I worked mainly from home, they still offered me my own space for when I'm in the office.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As a Program Assistant, I was able to accomplished a lot. Some of my accomplishments include:

- I was able to finish projects and give fleet recommendations for the city of Solon as well as the organization OhioHealth.
- I've grown professionally and feel like my confidence in this area of my life has increased.
- I've learned more about the transportation industry and have been able to network with different people from organizations that interest me.

REFLECTION

My experience helped me realize more of what my future career aspirations are. I never imagined I'd be interested in the transportation industry, but I really feel like working with electric vehicles is where I'd like to start my journey.

I also have a growing passion for nonprofits that this internship has made me realize. I really did not know much about what nonprofits are until I started working for one. Now I'm certain I will continue to always work for nonprofits.

The advice I have for someone else interested in working for Clean Fuels Ohio is to take advantage of every opportunity you are given. Having the opportunity to work from home is great but can also at times feel like maybe you are not as involved as you want to be. Clean Fuels Ohio offers so many opportunities to get involved whether that be traveling to conferences or online presentations.



This is a picture of a Chevy Bolt EUV. This is one of the electric vehicles we use in our analysis and often a vehicle we recommend as a replacement.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, my experience at Clean Fuels Ohio has opened my eyes to the many doors in front of me and helped me to realize more about my career goals.

I was given the opportunity to grow both professionally and personally and had amazing support from the people around me. I have never felt scared to ask a question or take a risk working on something that I maybe did not feel confident about.

I have a greater understanding about things I did not know I was passionate about and continue to look for ways to improve and learn more. For these reasons I recommend a similar internship experience for anyone looking for one.



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