

Position Title: UC Internship C: Food System and Urban Agriculture

Position Location and Logistics:

MSU Extension- Genesee County, Flint, Michigan

- Available May 15th- August 15th, 2011
- Salary will include mileage reimbursement for job-related travel
- Intern will report to Community and Economic Development Education and County Extension Director
- Internship pay is \$11.25 per hour. Interns may work no more than a total of 400 hours.
- Intern must be a current MSU student (registered for Spring Semester 2011 and attending in Fall Semester 2011)

Position Functions:

In addition to the responsibilities outlined below, this internship is designed to give the student an opportunity to work on a project of value to the community, to become acquainted with MSU Extension programs, and the impact of those programs on the community. Responsibilities will include:

1. The intern will work with the educator to assist with food systems work and urban agriculture efforts in the County. This will include work for stakeholder groups like **edible flint** and regional food systems work with Detroit and Flint. This will include a number of activities:
 - a. Assistance with the work of a co-operative of growers who are seeking profitable markets for locally grown food which may include marketing activities and other tasks
 - b. Gathering of data including data about **edible flint** activities
 - c. Tasks associated with a garden tour that will involve multiple locations, routes, and audiences.
2. Working with Extension staff to promote the work of Extension and partners which may include drafting press releases, stories, pictures, maps and other summaries of information useful to partners and media.
3. Other duties as assigned and as needed.

Desirable Skills and/or Experience

Flexibility toward outlined work. Ability to work with a diverse group of people of all social-economic levels. Possess effective oral and written communication skills. Must be motivated, self-directed, and responsible. Personal mobility/transportation necessary. General computing skills required.

Supervisor will provide: work space including phone and computer for use by the intern, work-related office supplies, reimbursement for work-related travel, and orientation to local areas.

Position Background:

Flint, like other Michigan cities, has experienced disinvestment, loss of population and loss of employment in the last three decades. The city has also benefited from a number of modest efforts to revitalize in recent years including public and private investment as well as new efforts, including urban agriculture to change the face of the county and the City of Flint. Genesee County has a great variety of people, communities, and industries that enrich the region.

