

Pender County Planning Practicum

Pender County welcomes students interested in planning and community development to intern within our department. The hours and schedule are flexible based on the student's schedule. We are still unfortunately not able to offer compensation for the position.

Interested students can expect to learn about the land use planning process, zoning and permitting requirements, development review process, and the CAMA minor permit program. Pender County adopted a new development ordinance and land use plan in July, and we are now working to update the ordinance with some minor text amendments. Additionally, I have been hoping to review our ordinance for barriers and impediments to low impact development, and also create incentives such as density bonuses for development that is done in an environmentally-friendly manner.

Interested students could assist with several upcoming projects including a county bicycle and pedestrian plan, and creating implementation plans for nearly 30 planned parks and recreation projects.

Other experience that could be gained by a student interning with us:

- Grant writing and administration
- Working with the Lower Cape Fear Stewardship Development Coalition
- Working with community-based nonprofit organizations
- Experience in reporting to boards, including the Board of Commissioners, Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- GIS
- Transportation planning

Please feel free to have interested students contact me with questions or for more information.

Best regards,

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