

## Bethesda Green Intern Profile

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### **How did you get involved with Bethesda Green?**

I am studying Environmental Law at SUNY-Environmental Science and Forestry/ Syracuse University and I needed an internship to fulfill a requirement. Through family friends, I was connected with Bethesda Green, which I am incredibly happy about because Bethesda Green has been a perfect organization for learning what the eco work world looks like, giving me the experience I will need when I graduate next year.



### **What kind of work do you do at BG?**

I have been extremely lucky to be able to get involved in a wide variety of projects within Bethesda Green. I was involved in planning Solar Bethesda, an annual solar energy expo, as well as working with Dave Feldman and Betsy Reinstein to update the database for organizing sponsors and donations. I have also been lucky enough to work with the Bethesda Green Board to create a manual that board members can use to make their job simpler and more effective in support of the organization.

### **What have you gotten out of your experience at BG so far?**

I have learned so much during my summer at Bethesda Green. Working with the solar Bethesda team, I was introduced to real world event planning, networking and fundraising. Through my work with the Board, I was able to experience first-hand the very complex relationship between a non-profit organization and their board of directors. I was also able to learn more about the business world in general as every day at Bethesda Green was different and there was always someone doing something unique and innovative while I was there. However, overall, the best thing I have gotten out of my internship is the opportunity to get to know the people at Bethesda Green. Everyone, from the board and the full-time staff, to the other interns and volunteers, are all so passionate about what they are doing and the environment in general. Spending time with them was not only enlightening but inspiring that there are so many people out there that want to get involved with the environment and their community.