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- Elissa Ladwig (Biology, 2016)
- Water Chestnut Intern
- Full-time, 35-45 hours per week
- Paid (Stipend)

What do you do as an intern at this organization?
Myself and one other intern plan and execute the water chestnut removal events on the Mystic River. We also help with eel counting and take the boat out to scout the chestnut regrowth.

How did you find your internship?
The Internship fair! One of the 5 person staff of MyRWA went to Tufts.

What do you enjoy most about your internship?
I get to be outside! I also get to meet a bunch of interesting people and I enjoy event planning.

What do you find challenging?
There is a lot to remember on a day to day basis but overall I haven't had any overwhelming challenges.

What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?
Ask a lot of questions. With small companies like this they are very willing to let you try out other aspects of the company like environmental policy and water quality testing.

About the Organization
The Mystic River Watershed Association
Arlington, MA

The Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) was established in 1972 to protect and restore the Mystic River, its tributaries and watershed lands for the benefit of present and future generations and to celebrate the value, importance and great beauty of these natural resources. MyRWA advocates for the health and quality of the Mystic River. We gather data that will help evidence the need for resources on the Mystic.