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## Brunswick County Extension Intern

### Position Description/Responsibilities:

Local Foods System Coordinator and Agricultural Disaster Preparedness Planner

The Vacation Vittles program connects local produce growers with seasonal vacationers

- Assist with the aggregation and distribution of local foods from inland farms to coastal communities.
- Connect with new growers and visitors to educate them about the opportunities associated with the program

The Collards in the Cafeteria program seeks to bring local leafy greens into local school cafeterias

- Assist in training produce growers in Good Agricultural Practices and help the agent conduct mock inspections of a farm
- Recruit growers in the area to become GAP certified and produce collards for this partnership

Brunswick County Emergency Management is scheduled for a training exercise in 2020 concerning nuclear discharge impacts on agriculture and food

- Aggregate publications and resources helpful in agricultural emergencies
- Complete plans underway to communicate with different grower groups in the event of an emergency
- Evaluate and enhance the communication network among agricultural operations and stakeholders

Other duties include

- 4-H summer camp support
- Volunteer management – Extension Master Gardener Volunteers and Extension Master Food Volunteer support work, training, communication, and other options based on skills and abilities of intern
- Agricultural Development Plan implementation and evaluation – approved and published in 2019, this plan involves several stakeholder and partner agencies with goals that need to be evaluated for baseline and implementation metrics –
- County Government relations – support further engagement of Cooperative Extension with and for other County Departments and County Leadership
- Website Development – lead and support an effort to enhance our website with timely information and upcoming events

**Location:** Brunswick County

**Program Area:** Agriculture and Natural Resources

**Immediate/Site Supervisor:** Mark Blevins

**Other mentors/supervisors:** Morgan King, Toms Woods, Becky Bowen (Specialist)

### Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

Vegetable Production, Local Foods Systems, Food Safety, Agricultural Communications, Disaster Preparedness

### Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

- Teamwork and Independent Action on Prioritized Activities
- Networking with Agricultural and Extension professionals
- Resume building options due to autonomous (though supported) nature of some intern responsibilities
- Local Food System and Disaster Preparedness opportunities are abundant in the job market
- This internship will support a candidate in preparing for such a career and find potential contacts in the industry
- A broad-based Extension experience (agriculture, horticulture, food safety, 4-H youth development, community development, environmental education, and family & consumer sciences) will expose the intern to career options in Cooperative Extension and related fields.

### Additional Information:

Brunswick County is an incredible place to be during the summer. Venus Fly Traps and carnivorous plants welcome horticulture enthusiasts. Miles of wide beaches provide endless excitement. Nearby urban centers of Wilmington and Myrtle Beach offer amenities within easy reach. The office culture in Brunswick County is one of challenge and support. Goal setting with the supervisor will set the stage for independent and teamwork activities toward the objectives set and prioritized by the intern. Extension staff members will support the intern in accomplishing tasks and evaluating progress.

