

Green Industry

Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board

Overview

Join employees from the Three Rivers area as they share their experiences working in the green industry. See how these people have made a career in helping to make a difference in the environment today and into the future.

Discussion/Questions

1. Why is it important for companies in all types of industries to actively participate in conservation techniques or other environmentally safe and protective methods?
2. People within this profession work not only to help save the environment, but also to help the consumer. What types of assistance do they offer? How can they help the consumer?
3. As the marketplace continues to change, there are many different environmentally-friendly products and methods that are being used and created. Explain the importance and need for professionals within the green industry as the global workplace continues to advance. What other opportunities do you feel may arise for people within this industry?

Activities

1. An important part of working within an industry such as this is to stay current with new data, procedures and products. In order to determine how to make products or methods more efficient and environmentally safe, professionals in this career must be learning and updating their information everyday. Research some current information about the environment in relation to another industry such as manufacturing. What are some ways in which the environment is being affected by different products or methods of production? Are there possible solutions to these dangers that are being investigated? Focus on one product or method in particular and present your information to your classmates.
2. There are always opportunities available to volunteer to help make a difference in protecting the environment. Find out what opportunities are available in your neighborhood. Choose one or two that interest you and find out how you can get involved. What did you learn about the need to protect the environment after this experience? How did it feel to know that you were helping to make a difference for your future and the future of others?
3. Determine if there are companies that focus on work within the green industry in your area. Contact a professional within this field to answer some questions you have. What types of companies do they work with most often? What opportunities are available for entry level positions? What type of education should one receive before entering this field? For types of daily activities are they responsible? Are there ways to get involved now through job shadowing or volunteering?

Academic Standards

13.3.11.F. Evaluate strategies for career retention and advancement in response to the changing global workplace.

13.1.11.D. Evaluate school-based opportunities for career awareness/preparation, such as, but not limited to: Career days, Career portfolio, Community service, Cooperative education, Graduation/senior project, Internship, Job shadowing, Part-time employment, Registered apprenticeship, School-based enterprise

13.3.11. G. Evaluate the impact of lifelong learning on career retention and advancement.

13.2.11.E. Demonstrate, in the career acquisition process, the application of essential workplace skills/knowledge, such as, but not limited to: Commitment, Communication, Dependability, Health/safety, Laws and regulations (that is Americans With Disabilities Act, child labor laws, Fair Labor Standards Act, OSHA, Material Safety Data Sheets), Personal initiative, Self-advocacy, Scheduling/time management, Team building, Technical literacy, Technology

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