



Harbor Watch *Virtual* River Research Program

October - December 2020

Due to safety concerns related COVID-19, we have been unable to host our normal hands-on internship programs this year. To meet the needs of this unusual time, we are excited to share that we are launching a **NEW** remote version of one of our internship programs for Fall 2020! This internship will be a hybrid of in person and virtual learning to give high school students the opportunity to learn about water quality and environmental science!

What is Harbor Watch?

- We are a non-profit water quality research and education program and we have been studying local waterways for over 30 years
- Our mission is to improve water quality and ecosystem health in Connecticut
- We are a team of 6 trained marine and aquatic scientists with expertise in local ecosystems, and our work is supported by a fantastic team of students and volunteers each year
- Learn more about us at www.harborwatch.org

*What is the **Virtual** River Research Program?*

- Science internship program for high school students interested in water quality and the environment
- Weekly virtual meetings to learn about topics related to local water quality
- Opportunities for socially-distanced, in-person engagement as part of the program, including one technique demonstration day at our facility in Westport (10/16), and one hands-on field sampling day (11/3) at a waterway site located near each student's home (both optional, at the discretion of each participant)
- The thematic focus of this program will be water quality issues related to sewage pollution and eutrophication

*Are you a local student in grades 9-12? Here's why **YOU** should participate:*

- Learn field and laboratory water quality monitoring techniques
- Gain a better understanding of issues facing local ecosystems and how you can help
- Build your resume through this socially-distanced internship opportunity

Other Information:

- There is **no cost** for students to participate in this program
- We will provide the field kits needed to participate in the (optional) field sampling component of the program
- Students will need internet access to participate (we will use Zoom and Google Drive to provide the remote learning content)
- Contact harborwatch@earthplace.org for more information