

## Rio Vista Youth Air Protector's Internship Sustainable Solano

Want clean breathable air in Rio Vista? Want to make a difference in your community? Become a Youth Air Protector!

Sustainable Solano is seeking 5-10 high school aged interns to work with us from September-December 2024. Interns will learn about air quality challenges in Rio Vista and become community leaders and change-makers within their neighborhoods, engaging the community around air quality and leading the creation of a community-driven air quality action plan. You must live or go to school in Rio Vista to be eligible.

**Description:** Over the course of four months, interns will:

- Learn about air quality challenges facing Rio Vista
- Help to implement a green infrastructure and walkability project
- Assist with community outreach, education and events
- Co-facilitate community conversations
- Help to lead the creation of an Air Quality Community Action Plan
- Create personal action plans for steps they can take in their own lives and share with others
- Complete final projects that demonstrate potential improvements to the local environment

**Commitment:** This internship will take place over four months (September-December) and will require a commitment of 10 to 12 hours per month, in a combination of in-person and online and independent and collaborative work. Interns will be expected to attend weekly in-person meetings in Rio Vista (location TBD), as well as 2-4 weekend or evening community events per month, and must be able to transport themselves. Interns may miss up to 5 meetings over the course of the four months, and must attend all events in order to receive credit for the internship, although make-up opportunities may be possible.

**Benefits:** Interns will receive a \$800 stipend (in four \$200 payments) for their participation in the program.

**How to apply:** The application form can be found at <u>tinyurl.com/riovistayap24</u>. Submit your application before August 26th. Spots are limited, and applicants will be accepted on a rolling basis, so apply today!

**About Sustainable Solano:** Sustainable Solano is a grassroots, countywide organization uniting people through work that aims to serve the future of Solano County, to promote ecologically regenerative, economically and socially just communities in a world that works for everyone. Sustainable Solano has grown out of decades of dedicated community work that started with community gardens and has grown to include an emphasis on creating sustainable, regenerative environments, community capacity building, supporting local food systems and building youth leadership and workforce skills for a better future.