



CITY OF TROY - PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Planning Department is responsible for the planning and development of the City of Troy.

Current Initiatives Include:

- **Zoning Rewrite** – assessing how the existing zoning code influences the city and developing a new, modern code to promote smart, sustainable development. Zoning determines how land can be used throughout the city and delineates uses like residential, commercial, industrial, and open space. Our current zoning code recently turned 30 years old, and does not include information on things like storage, solar units, or farming, yet requires two parking spaces per residential unit.
- **Climate Smart Communities (CSC)** – the City is looking to become a New York State designated *Climate Smart Community* by improving sustainability, city-wide. This is a new initiative being pursued with the City Council and other local organizations.
- **Parks and Trails** – the Planning Department works with consultants and other departments to create improvements to the City's open spaces. Some current projects include new trails in Prospect Park and South Troy, enhancements to 7th Ave Park and the Uncle Sam Bikeway, and efforts to create a new dog park.
- **Complete Streets** – *complete streets* are streets designed for all users, regardless of age, ability, or mode of transportation. Complete streets designs create safer, more attractive cities by ensuring pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation, and private motorized vehicles are all considered equitably.

Planning and sustainability *should* go hand-in-hand, especially as extreme weather events and public health concerns continue to rise. It is essential sustainability is at the forefront of city planning decisions, as they are tied to density, transportation, natural landscapes, and other vital urban resources.

Internship Opportunity

The City of Troy's Planning Department is seeking driven, forward-thinking students to advance the City's efforts in becoming a Climate Smart Community. Interns will work collaboratively with staff to collect and analyze data, create sustainability initiatives, and develop an implementation plan. This internship will include opportunities to explore different impacts and initiatives, as they pertain to urban sustainability and Climate Smart Communities.

The City is seeking someone who can commit to seven hours a week for the course of the summer (approximately 12 weeks, flexible start and end date). This is an unpaid internship, intended to provide relevant career experience and positively impact the community, and can be used to earn academic credits.

Interested students should contact James Rath, Assistant Planner, at james.rath@troyny.gov with a resume and brief cover letter.