An Internship at Citizens for a Healthy Bay

**BEST Program**
- The Businesses for an Environmentally Sustainable Tacoma (BEST) program is focused on improving Pierce County businesses environmental performance and bottom line.
- Free and confidential environmental impact assessments are provided.
- New businesses are contacted and signed up for the program, working relationships are formed with existing clients.
- CHB staff work with businesses to take advantage of incentive programs.
- Businesses are educated about sustainable practices, storm-water pollution prevention, recycling and waste prevention, energy conservation, water conservation, employee commute reduction, carbon footprint analysis, and sustainable design and construction.

**Habitat Restoration, Bay Patrol, and StormWater**
- CHB’s habitat restoration program contracts 16 sites around Commencement Bay.
- Invasive species are removed and native species are planted.
- Volunteers from the community participate and build community relationships.
- Natural habitat is restored and monitored.
- CHB maintains a Bay Patrol program throughout the Commencement Bay area.
- Stormwater permits are monitored.

**Education and Outreach**
- A program was developed in cooperation with the Lakewood Boys and Girls Club.
- A five part field class involving 10 high school students is being conducted.
- Students encounter a variety of environmental professionals and career paths.
- The course is designed to inspire youth to participate in environmental projects and interest them in pursuing a college education.

**Fundraising and Grants**
- The 2012 CHB auction had to be supplied with donation items and volunteers.
- Major private funders have been acquired.
- In cooperation with the Non-Profit course curriculum grants are researched and written.

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