

Virginia Bones and Michael Farbman

George Perkins Marsh Conservation Internship 2011

Who We Are

Virginia Bones

- Recently graduated WUHS
- Will attend University College of London for Egyptian Archaeology

Michael Farbman

- Recently graduated WUHS
- Will Attend Cornell University School of Hotel Administration



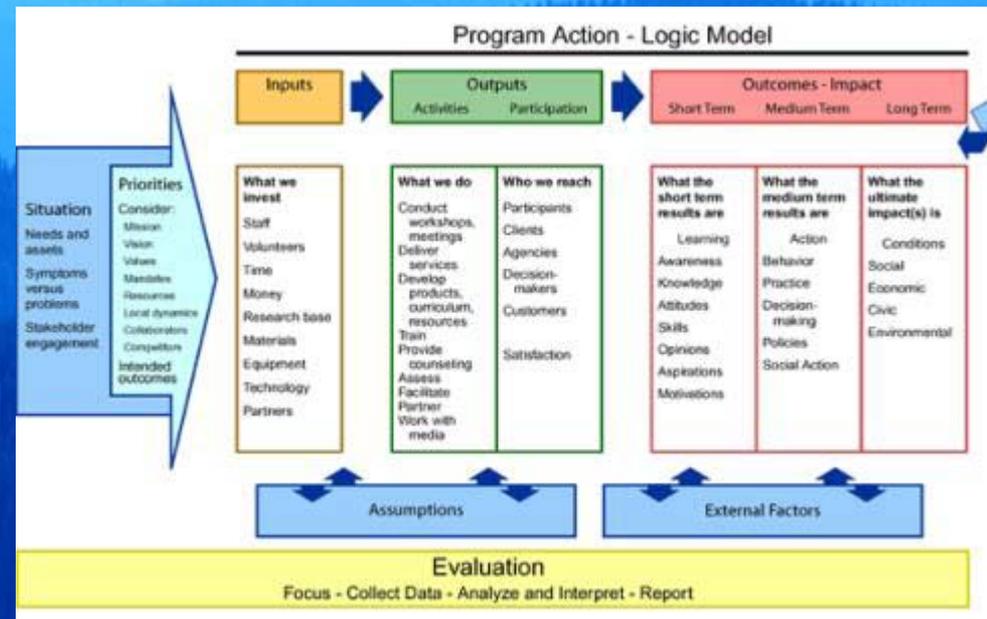
Goals of Internship

1. To teach interns about the NPS, on both a local and national scale
2. Develop interpretation and citizenship skills
3. Work with the different departments of the park
4. Gain an appreciation of conservation



CSI as a Tool and Department

- Did our own logic map of our internship
 - Helped to focus on personal goals and potential outcomes
1. Citizenship and leadership skills learned could be applied to future education
 2. Desire to visit more National Parks



Interpretation

- Worked most closely with the interpretation staff
- Took part in morning meetings and interpretive trainings
- Duties included:
 1. Mansion Steward
 2. Billing's Farm Desk
 3. Roves
 4. Chamber of Commerce Booth on the Green



Natural Resources

- Worked with Kyle to load the solar kiln
- Learned about the forestry operations which involve the conservation of the park's natural resources
- Spent 2 days with the SCA Invasives crew learning to identify and fight invasive species



Education

- Mountains & Rivers Forever Camp
- A Forest For Every Classroom
- Development of King Farm



Facility and Maintenance

- Mulching
- Pruning trees
- Replanting hemlocks



Leadership Training

Topics:

- Meyers-Briggs
- Citizenship
- Sensitivity and Diversity
- Case for National Service
- Reflection
- Communication Styles
- Conflict and Resolution in the Workplace
- Learning Styles
- Stress Management



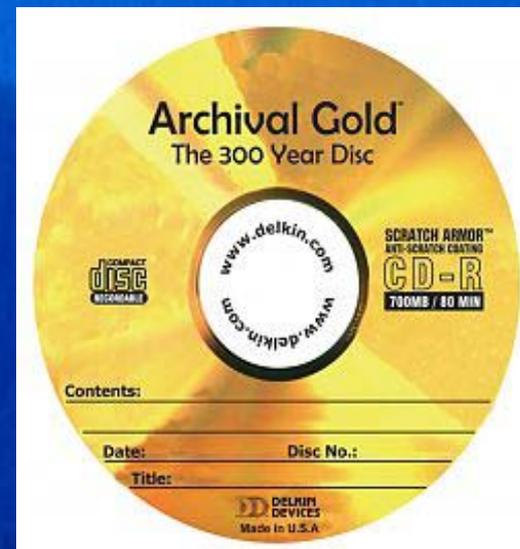
VYCC

- Building the Skidder Bridge
- Managing the Faulkner Trail



Individual Projects

- Worked individually on projects for different departments
- Mike converted VHSs to archival DVDs
- Virginia organized the library into a more orderly system
- Both are collaborating on a long term energy use analysis project

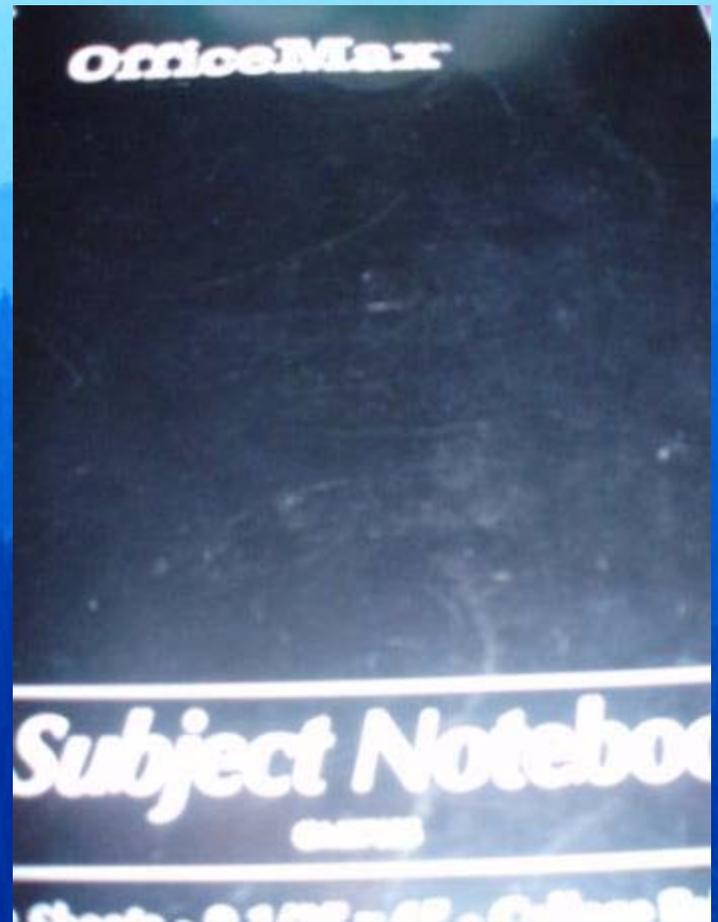


Journal

Part of this internship was about keeping a journal.

The purpose of keeping a journal is to reflect on experiences, as we learned in our leadership trainings.

These reflections helped us create this final presentation.



Conclusion

- Things we have learned:
 1. Teamwork and cooperation
 2. History of NPS
 3. Experiences that will help in later life

Thank You All!!!

