Final Term Paper for Wave Hill Forest Project Collaborative Students

Working together with your crew mates, write a group paper about your work site. This will be an in-depth look at the past, present and future of your specific work site, and will be done through field study, data collection, journal articles and historical Wave Hill documents. You will work on the project throughout the entire summer, and Forest Project staff will monitor your group's progress. At the end of the summer your group will also give a 30 minute power point presentation about your project.

The paper should follow this basic outline:

I. Abstract

Briefly lay out the purpose and structure of the paper. You should also introduce some of your main themes and observations. The introduction should be less than 1 page.

II. Literature Review about Urban Forests

Based on at least three articles from scientific journals, provide a summary of existing research about urban forests. The goal is to provide background and context for the rest of the project by reviewing key themes and issues facing urban forests. This section should be 3-4 pages.

III. Natural History of Wave Hill and Riverdale Park

In this section you will use several historical documents provided by Forest Project staff to write an account of the history of Wave Hill and its surrounding areas. This section should focus on how the different land uses over time have impacted the ecology of the area. Discuss ancient history (pre-disturbance), modern history (pre-Wave Hill) and recent history (since Forest Project began). This section should be 3-4 pages.

IV. Natural and Restoration History of Your Site

Using old restoration documents, old FPSC site reports, maps, and your own observations in the field, provide an account of the history of your site prior to work you have done there this summer. This section should focus on the restoration work that was done, but should also include site specific pre-restoration history, and a brief description of the site before the start of the summer. This section should be 2-3 pages.

V. Discussion of your Field Study

In this section you will present the results of your data collection over the course of the summer, as well as your research techniques and methods. This should be a discussion and not merely a list. In addition to laying out the results, you should look through the data and pick 2-3 interesting observations or findings to discuss in more depth. For example you may find that areas with greater canopy cover have more species diversity. You may also make a general observation, for example that porcelain berry no longer appears to be an issue due to previous restoration efforts. This section should be 3-4 pages.

VI: Conclusion- Your Vision for the Future of Your Site

Based on everything you learned in the classroom, research, and field work, make three predictions for the future of your site. Be prepared to discuss the basis for your predictions. This section should be 1-2 pages.

VII: References- List all references you used in the paper using the APA Style.