

Summary

During the spring I did my internship on the Swedish forest agency (Skogsstyrelsen) in Höör. The period lasted from 29/3 to 13/6 2016. The internship consisted of various tasks and I learned something new every day. Primarily, my task was to drive my own project, which was about water management of the river Helge å. More precise, we wanted to include geographic information of Helge å in to a digital map service called VattenAtlas. The aim of this was to achieve a comprehensive view of the planning and the water management in Helge å – and the main goal is to achieve “good status” according to the water framework directive that was developed by the EU. I did not work directly with GIS during this period but my experience of GIS was crucial to be able to fully understand the background and the function of the map service. However, what I did was to present this map and its aim to representatives from 13 different municipalities – so I started to build up a network of contacts from different backgrounds within the municipalities and then I travelled around both in Skåne and Kronoberg to present my project. In addition to this, I also followed my supervisor and some of my colleagues in the field during their work. Examples of tasks when working on the forest agency may be to inspect different presences of forest – for example broadleaved deciduous forest or to inspect and verify different types of nature conservation. This is perfect if you have an interest in nature, ecology and nature conservation. The Swedish forest agency has a broad scope of practice and is employer of people from a several different backgrounds.

You are welcome to contact me if you have any questions about my internship. My mail address is mariew@hotmail.se.

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