
Description:

The Office of the Duke Forest is responsible for accomplishing the mission of the Duke Forest and maintaining excellent stewardship of the forest ecosystem. Our ability to complete this work is affected and influenced by the governance and land-use policies of surrounding jurisdictions. However, to date, we have lacked a comprehensive assessment and characterization of what governance and policies, and importantly, the trends in these realms, exist, and how they might affect our mission, management, and strategy. Having this information would allow Duke to proactively (instead of reactively) engage with local government and land-use decision making, when necessary, to protect or advocate for our interests.

Relevant Background/Qualifications (helpful but not required):

Local governance and land-use policies
GIS and spatial analysis
Stakeholder assessment

Supervisor:

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