


West Coast State of Mind – Rikerrious Geter, 3rd Year BLA

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This past summer consisted on a lot of firsts for me: I got on an airplane for the first time, I traveled to another country for the first time, and I saw cities that practice green infrastructure first hand, for the first time. The west coast field study was one of the best trips I have ever taken so far in life.

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I fell in love with the practice of green infrastructure after visiting Portland, Vancouver and Seattle on this trip. Seeing how they utilize green streets, green walls, and green roofs to control storm water runoff, reduce the heat island effect, to reduce energy use, and to increase air quality was very inspiring for me. I really appreciate the ecological side of landscape architecture that thinks not only about humans, but also other forms of life.

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I believe its not only important to provide habitat for our kind, but also the likes of butterflies and wildlife, and after seeing that there is a profession that works to increase the quality of life for all forms of life reassured me I was in the correct profession.

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Green Infrastructure is the reason i'm so excited about what my future holds in our profession because as populations increase the demand to offset the environmental impact caused by humans will also increase, and will be more important than ever, and I think individuals who practice green infrastructure will be leading the pack.

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