

## Position Description



Operations

### Seasonal Gardener

**Reports to:** Director of Horticulture

**Uniformed:** Yes **Hours/Week:** 40.0

**Start Date & Term:** Seasonal, up to 6 months from date of appointment

#### ***Background:***

The Trust is a public benefit corporation created by act of the New York State Legislature and a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The mission of the Trust is to design, construct and maintain a prominent, and very heavily used, 4 mile long waterfront park on the west side of Manhattan. The Park includes landscaped public piers and display gardens, lawn areas, ecological planting zones, athletic fields, esplanades, docks, public sculptures and other special features. Approximately 75% of the Park has been constructed with a mix of State, City and Federal capital funding.

#### ***Job Description:***

The Seasonal Gardeners will perform all aspects of landscape and general park maintenance including care of the park's urban tree canopy, understory plantings, perennials, formal and naturalized gardens, lawns, and plantings of seasonal interest. The successful candidate will have prior experience in gardening and/or landscaping, have a great work ethic, take personal pride in performing quality work, and enjoy working outdoors. We are looking Team Players, who offer the highest level of customer service.

#### ***Specific Tasks & Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:***

##### Plant Health Care:

- Maintain and oversee diverse plantings of trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, grasses and bulbs.
- Perform seasonal gardening/landscaping work such as pruning, weeding, fertilizing, deadheading, mulching, dividing, planting, soil placement, etc.
- Observe tree and plant conditions and report maintenance needs to supervisor as necessary.

##### Turf Care:

- Perform seasonal landscaping work such as mowing, edging, trimming, aerating, topdressing, overseeding, dethatching, sod installation and associated clean up, etc.

### General Maintenance:

- Remove litter and other debris from plant beds and lawn areas.
- Keep pavements and adjoining surfaces clean.
- Grade and replenish aggregate materials in horticultural areas, maintain tree pits and plant bed edging as necessary.

### Safety:

The Trust places the highest value on the safety of our staff, contractors, volunteers and the general public.

- Perform tasks safely and comply with requirements for use of proper personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Must safely operate tools, vehicles, and specialized equipment.

### Other:

- Must be willing and able to work with volunteer groups and our weekly regular volunteers. This includes but is not limited to event setup/breakdown, oversight of volunteers during events and maintaining inventory of tools & equipment. Must engage volunteers with a positive attitude.
- Must be willing and able to perform duties of other divisions/positions as directed or required commensurate with need and incumbent's level of skill.

### ***Education & Experience:***

- Basic plant identification skills and general knowledge of turf care and irrigation systems operation preferred.
- Candidates with experience or a degree in Horticulture, Turf Grass Management, or other related fields are preferred.

### ***Special Requirements:***

- Conducting oneself in a professional manner at all times, whether with other staff, outside contractors, vendors or park patrons.
- A valid driver's license (with clean driving history), and the ability to operate a manual transmission is preferred.
- Direct physical labor (lifting up to 50 pounds, bending, squatting, digging, etc.) is expected and seasonal gardeners must be willing and able to work in all weather conditions.
- Daily punctuality and an excellent attendance history.
- Adherence to agency uniform policy and work well with others.
- Candidates should have an interest in learning and acquiring new skills.
- This is a not a permanent position.

**Compensation & Schedule:**

- \$15.00+ per hour dependent upon experience,
- Mon - Fri 7:00AM to 3:30 PM (with one half-hour unpaid lunch),
- Occasional weekend work and extra hours as needed.
- This is a seasonal, temporary position.

**Application Process:**

Interested applicants are to submit a resume and cover letter to the Director of Horticulture at [resumes@hrpt.ny.gov](mailto:resumes@hrpt.ny.gov) . **Indicate Job Code: 2019 Gardener in the subject line of the email.**

No phone calls please.

**More information on the Hudson River Park is available at:**

[www.hudsonriverpark.org](http://www.hudsonriverpark.org)

**The Hudson River Park Trust is an Equal Opportunity Employer**

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