Position Description

Real Estate and Planning
Seasonal Sustainability Intern

Reports to: AVP Real Estate & Planning
Hours/Week: 25 hrs. / Week, summer 2019

The Hudson River Park Trust (HRPT) Real Estate and Planning division seeks an intern who will creatively endeavor to advance Hudson River Park’s Green Initiative through data consolidation, research, and participation in relevant Park activities.

The Intern will work with staff to achieve the Park’s mission of furthering Green Initiatives throughout the Park, including tenants, staff and visitors. This position is an excellent opportunity for those interested in Real Estate, Planning, Environmental Studies, Sustainability, or related fields.

Background:

Hudson River Park 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.

Responsibilities/Duties:

The Sustainability Intern’s responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Research existing sustainability practices and industry norms in other similar park based settings and work towards advancing the Park’s overall Green Initiative.
- Consolidate historical and current data for energy usage in the Park buildings and outdoor spaces, analyze trends and assist in developing recommendations to streamline policies and programs to reduce energy usage. This work will build on the Park’s efforts to meet New York State Greenhouse Gas Emissions Policy goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40% by 2030 and 80% by 2050 from 1990 levels.
- Participate in Park activities to develop best practices and guidelines for Park users, staff and tenants to advance its plastic reduction initiative.
• Assist as required in relevant day-to-day activities in the Real Estate & Planning department.

Required Education and Experience:

• Currently pursuing a Bachelors or Master’s degree in Real Estate, Planning, Environmental Studies, Sustainability, etc. related fields.

Essential Traits:

• Applicants must have completed at least two years towards a Bachelor’s or Associate’s Degree
• Applicants must be comfortable interacting with members of the public in a friendly and professional manner
• Ability to work as a part of a team, multitask and problem solve
• Applicants must have strong organization and communication skills and be able to follow through on several tasks with time sensitive deadlines

Compensation/Benefits:

• $15.00 - $16.00 per hour, there are no benefits associated with this position
• This is a seasonal position, from May through August
• The Intern is expected to work approximately 25 hours per week

Application Process:

Interested applicants are to submit a cover letter, resume and the names and contact information of three references to Human Resources at resumes@hrpt.ny.gov. Indicate Job Code: HRPT- Sustainability Intern in the subject line of the email.

No phone calls please.

More information on the Hudson River Park is available at: www.hudsonriverpark.org

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