



POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Custodian

The High Line is a new public open space on a disused, elevated rail structure on the west side of Manhattan. Built between 1929 and 1934 to carry rail freight, the High Line runs from Gansevoort Street to 34th Street. The High Line has been unused for freight transportation since 1980. It is now owned by the City of New York, under the jurisdiction of the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR). The High Line will be managed by Friends of the High Line (FHL)—the City’s non-profit partner in the design, construction, and ongoing maintenance of the park, in collaboration with the Department of Parks & Recreation. The first section of the park is scheduled to open in the spring or early summer of 2009.

Job Description

The High Line Custodian will be an employee of Friends of the High Line and an integral part of the High Line’s Horticulture & Park Operations (HPO) crew. Under the general supervision of FHL’s Vice President of HPO and the Deputy Director of HPO, the custodian will work with a diverse team of groundskeepers, horticulturists, maintenance technicians and High Line administrators to achieve the highest standards of cleanliness and organization throughout the park. The custodian’s tasks include, but are not limited to, the following.

Primary Tasks

- Maintain cleanliness of the entire High Line, both topside and at street-level, including public gathering areas, bathrooms, entry ways, elevators and stairs, drinking fountains, and M&O facility;
- Use specialized cleaning products and cleaning techniques required to maintain the High Line’s many unique features, according to manufacturer’s recommendations;
- Report and remove graffiti;
- Participate in snow and ice removal as needed;
- Maintain inventory of supplies including trash bags, bathroom products, and cleaning supplies;
- Quickly respond to spills, bathroom malfunctions, potential hazards, etc.;
- Collaborate with contracted specialists to perform seasonal or specialty tasks;
- Inform the public of responsible use of the park, including disposal of garbage, chewing gum, etc.

Qualifications

- Must be extremely dependable, punctual, detail-oriented, and a good communicator with staff and public alike;
- Ability to maintain a regular schedule of maintenance and cleaning tasks on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis;
- Able to work alone or in teams, in all weather conditions;
- Willingness to perform maintenance and small mechanical duties;
- 1 - 3 years experience in public park and/or outdoor space maintenance.

To Apply

Please submit your cover letter, resume, and salary requirements to jobs@thehighline.org. Only those whose applications are being considered will be contacted.

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