



FRIENDS OF THE HIGH LINE

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Groundskeeper

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 Groundskeeper will be an employee of Friends of the High Line and an integral member of FHL’s Horticulture & Park Operations (HPO) team. Under the general supervision of FHL’s Vice President of HOP and the Deputy Director of HPO, the Groundskeeper will work closely with a diverse team of maintenance technicians, horticulturists, custodians and the High Line’s administrators to carry out the following responsibilities:

Primary Tasks

- Perform seasonal grounds duties including leaf-raking, mulch replacement; snow and ice removal; composting; seeding and aeration of turf;
- Stage equipment, supplies, and materials for daily park operations;
- Regularly monitor and participate in trash removal from the High Line;
- Maintain highest standards of park cleanliness and order throughout the High Line, including sweeping and maintenance around special features, planking, benches and stairs, elevators and entry ways;
- Power wash planks, ensure that seating areas and public gathering spots are in working order;
- Attend to gum removal and graffiti removal;
- Clean drains, gutters, and troughs, both topside and at street-level;
- Maintain equipment and tools needed to perform daily tasks;
- Hand water and monitor irrigation of plantings, especially during time of establishment and drought;
- Clean up litter;
- Collaborate with contracted specialists to perform repairs and seasonal adjustments.

Qualifications

- Detail oriented, with considerable attention to order in the public landscape and throughout the High Line park;
- Work well in a team or alone, in all weather conditions;
- Perform heavy physical labor on a daily basis;
- Able to operate maintenance and power equipment; operate electric vehicles, and trash chute;
- Experience in landscape maintenance preferred;
- Able to work overtime, weekends, holidays as needed;
- Valid driver’s license .

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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