



POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Horticulture Intern

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 Horticulture Intern will be an employee of Friends of the High Line and is an integral member of FHL’s Horticulture & Park Operations (HPO) team. Under the general supervision of FHL’s Vice President of HPO and the Deputy Director of HPO, the Horticulture Intern will play an important role in maintaining the High Line Park and its diverse plantings during the spring and summer seasons. Working interactively with a team of gardeners, groundskeepers, custodians, maintenance technicians, and High Line administrators, the intern’s responsibilities will include, but are not limited to, the following.

Primary Tasks

- Care for diverse plantings of trees, shrubs, vines, perennials, grasses, and bulbs;
- Perform seasonal landscape work including pruning, clean-up, bulb planting, dividing and transplanting, and leaf removal;
- Scout for pests and disease;
- Clean-up litter;
- Stage equipment, supplies, and materials for daily park operations;
- Participate in trash removal procedures, as needed;
- Maintain highest standards for 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 and 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;

Qualifications

- Detail oriented, with considerable attention to order and cleanliness throughout the park;
- Willingness to work as part of a team or alone, in all weather conditions;
- Ability to perform heavy physical labor on a daily basis;
- Ability to use outdoor maintenance and power equipment; operate electric vehicles, trash chute and compactor;
- 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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