



POSITION DESCRIPTION: Maintenance Technician

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's Maintenance Technician is a critical member of FHL's Horticulture & Park Operations (HPO) team. Under the general supervision of FHL's Vice President of HPO and the Deputy Chief of HPO, the Maintenance Technician will take the leading role in maintaining, troubleshooting and repairing the High Line's unique systems and infrastructural elements, including but not limited to mechanical, electrical, plumbing, irrigation, and security functions. Working interactively with a team of groundskeepers, horticulturists, custodians and High Line administrators, the Maintenance Technician's responsibilities will include, but are not limited to, the following:

Primary Tasks:

- Oversee daily operations and maintenance of all working elements of the High Line structure including mechanical and specialized lighting systems, a significant water feature, irrigation, plumbing, and electrical systems, a small fleet of electric vehicles, trash chute and compactor, elevators, security gates, signage, and garbage collection areas, including a trash chute and compactor;
- Provide emergency response to MEP and irrigation equipment, as well as other working systems;
- Collaborate with contracted maintenance specialists to perform repairs and seasonal adjustments;
- Make small repairs of various systems;
- Report and remove graffiti;
- Maintain inventories of M&O materials, request tools and supplies, report malfunctions;
- Operate all equipment and vehicles in a proper and safe manner, perform small engine and power tool repair and maintenance;
- Train staff in proper use of equipment;
- Meet daily with Supervisor of HPO team to assess priorities and communicate issues;
- Coordinate and participate in snow and ice removal;
- Ensure proper functioning of M&O facilities;
- Perform winterization and spring start-ups on applicable systems;
- Repair, paint, patch surfaces, concrete, etc.

Qualifications

- Ability to read schematics, troubleshoot control problems, and rewire components;
- Ability to work with power tools, small motorized equipment and vehicles;
- Able to work alone or in groups, in all weather conditions; self-motivating; relate well to public;

- Valid drivers license;
- Ability to work overtime, weekends, and holidays as needed; be on call for snow removal;
- Demonstrated ability to perform wide variety of maintenance and operational tasks;
- 5-10 years experience in maintenance of public park, botanical garden, or similar large-scale operation;
- Desired Certifications: Equipment operator, welding, OSHA training, applicable technical certifications

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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