



FRIENDS OF THE HIGH LINE

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 is 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.

Friends of the High Line works to build and maintain an extraordinary public park on the High Line. We seek to preserve the entire historic structure, transforming an essential piece of New York’s industrial past. Through stewardship, innovative design and programming, and excellence in operations, we cultivate a vibrant community around the High Line.

Job Description

The High Line Horticulture Intern is an integral part of FHL’s Park Operations team. Under the general supervision of FHL’s Vice President of Park Operations and the Horticulture Foreman, the Horticulture Intern will play an important role in maintaining the High Line Park and plantings during the spring and summer seasons. Working interactively with a team of gardeners, 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;
- Hand water and monitor irrigation of plantings, especially during time of establishment and drought;
- Perform seasonal landscape work including planting, pruning, clean-up, bulb planting, dividing and transplanting, and leaf removal;
- Supervise volunteers (individuals and groups) and Youth Corps in horticulture tasks;
- Scout for pests and disease;
- General clean-up of garden beds and paths, clean-up litter;
- Stage equipment, supplies, and materials for daily horticulture operations;
- Participate in snow and ice removal as needed;
- Maintain tools and equipment.

Qualifications

- Experience in landscape maintenance;
- 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 (able to lift 40 pounds) on a daily basis;
- Ability to use light power equipment and hand tools;
- Willingness to interact with the park patrons and communicate the High Line’s horticultural goals;
- Experience working with volunteers and youth preferred;

- Able to work overtime, weekends, and holidays as needed;
- Valid NY state driver's license.

To Apply

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

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