

Positions are funded through June 30, 2017, with the possibility of extension based on funding.

Civil Service Title: Gardener

Title Code No: 81310

Office Title: Landscape Restoration Crew Member

Job ID#: 238197

Level: I

Hiring Rate*: \$18.79 per hour

Incumbent Rate*: \$21.61 per hour

Work Location: Queens

Number of Positions: 3

The Natural Resources Group (NRG) is part of the Forestry, Horticulture and Natural Resources division of NYC Parks. The group is tasked with conserving, preserving, managing and restoring undeveloped lands within the parks system. The NRG Forest Restoration Team oversees a variety of woodland restoration activities, including invasive species control, native species planting and erosion control.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Under supervision, assist in restoration activities including identifying and protecting native species, identifying and controlling invasive species, site clearing and planting.
- May assist in the maintenance and operations of greenhouses and nurseries.
- Prepare soil and seed beds. Grade, sod, weed, mulch and mow lawns. Repairs damaged planted areas and fertilize and water, soil and plants.
- Assist in and perform tasks involved in the operation and care of hand and power gardening tools and equipment, including 2 cycle equipment such as hedge-trimmers and chainsaws. Make necessary operating adjustments to them and report needs for repairs and replacements to supervisor.
- Perform record keeping and prepare written reports.
- Drive vehicles and operate other motorized equipment.
- May supervise and train interns, seasonal employees and volunteers.
- As directed, perform tasks in connection with cleaning grounds and painting fixtures and equipment.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. One year of full-time experience in gardening work, including experience in each of the following planting, cultivating and caring for trees, plants shrubs and lawns; or
2. A certificate from a horticulture or botanic program containing college-level courses, such as programs offered by the New York Botanical Garden, the Brooklyn Botanical Garden, etc.; or
3. A satisfactory combination of education and/or experience that is equivalent to "1" above. Thirty semester credits from an accredited college, at least fifteen of which must be in horticulture, agriculture, agronomy, plant pathology, botany, landscape design or architecture, entomology, forestry, floriculture, plant production and/or crop management, may be substituted for the one year of the work experience described in "1" above.

Residency in New York City, Nassau, Orange, Rockland, Suffolk, Putnam or Westchester counties required for employees with over two years of city service. New York City residency required for all other candidates.

LICENSE REQUIREMENT

A motor vehicle driver license valid in the State of New York. This license must be maintained for the duration of employment.

PREFERRED SKILLS/QUALIFICATIONS

1. Bachelor's degree or graduate degree with emphasis in botany, ecology, forestry and wildlife management or related fields.
2. Experience with hand and power tools used in natural resources work, a plus.
3. Familiarity with both native and invasive plant species of the northeastern United States.
4. Valid New York State pesticide applicator or technician license.
5. Ability to safely lift 50 lbs. of weight.

City Employees:

- 1) Apply through **Employee Self Service (ESS)** under Recruiting Activities
- 2) Search for **Job ID: 238197**

Include your ERN on all correspondence.

For all other applicants:

- 1) Go to www.nyc.gov/careers/search
- 2) Search for **Job ID: 238197**

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POST DATE: 04/09/16

POST UNTIL: 04/30/16

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NOTE: All resumes must be received no later than the last day of the posting period.*Hiring rate applies to candidates not currently employed by New York City or New York City employees with less than 2 years of service. Incumbent rate applies to New York City employees with 2 or more years of service.