

City of New York/Parks & Recreation
Seasonal Job Vacancy Notice
Civil Service Title: Community Assistant
Job Title: Bronx River Conservation Crew Apprentice
Salary: \$14.08 per hour
Duration: April-November 2016
Work Location: Bronx, NY

The Bronx River Alliance serves as a coordinated voice for the river and works in harmonious partnership to protect, improve and restore the Bronx River corridor and greenway so that they can be healthy ecological, recreational, educational, and economic resources for the communities through which the river flows. The Conservation Crew carries out ecological restoration, river and watershed management, and clean-up projects along the eight-mile stretch of the Bronx River in New York City and participates in education and outreach efforts to encourage the public to become stewards of their local natural resources.

Professional Development Opportunities: Crew members receive training and gain skills and knowledge in numerous disciplines, including: forest, riparian, wetland and salt marsh ecology; botany; written and oral communications, including public speaking, data reporting; public education and outreach, including working with volunteers, planning events; technology skills such as using GPS units, water, fish, soil and plot monitoring equipment; erosion control and soil conservation techniques; installation, monitoring and maintenance of stormwater capture systems; canoeing/kayaking.

Major Responsibilities: Under general supervision, the Crew Apprentice will work in small teams to carry out river management and restoration projects, including:

- Removing blockages and debris from the river.
- Restoring and improving forestland, salt marshes, trails along the Bronx River.
- Reducing/Controlling erosion in slopes and riverbanks.
- Removing exotic invasive species of vegetation in natural areas and planting native trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants.
- Maintain green infrastructure to capture stormwater
- Increasing community input in the Bronx River resurgence and promoting ecological public education in the Bronx.
- Conducting a weekly reconnaissance to identify and address problems in the river corridor
- Surveying and monitoring plant survival/growth and water quality in the Bronx
- Using creative energies, knowledge and abilities to solve critical environmental problems.

Minimum Requirements:

1. There are no formal education or experience requirements for this position. However, the ability to understand and carry out simple instructions is required.
2. Candidates must be able to understand and be understood in English. For certain assignments, the ability to speak a foreign language may be required.
3. For certain assignments the ability to perform specific physical tasks may be required.

Preferred Qualifications:

- An associate degree (or higher) from an accredited college with specialization in forestry, ecology or a related subject.
OR
- Six months of full time work experience in natural resources restoration and management, forestry or arboricultural work, and knowledge of erosion control techniques, exotic invasive species management, and post-planting field inspections/monitoring. **OR**
- High school diploma or GED with 3 months of experience in natural resources restoration and management, forestry or arboricultural work, and knowledge of erosion control techniques or exotic invasive species management.
- Willing to work in inclement weather, able to perform intense and physically demanding work.
- Able to work occasional weekends.
- Valid Class D NYS driver's license and the ability to drive a pickup truck

Send resume and cover letter by email to:
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