

City of New York/Parks & Recreation
Seasonal Job Vacancy Notice
Office Title: Ecological Restoration Project Manager
Civil Service Title: Community Coordinator
Salary: \$27.37 to \$29.01 per hour (commensurate with experience)
Duration: 35 hours a week beginning February 2013
Work Location: Manhattan

The **Natural Resources Group (NRG)** is a division within NYC Parks & Recreation, and is responsible for acquisition, protection, restoration, and management of remnant and restored natural areas within the nearly 29,000 acres of City parkland. NRG develops natural area management and restoration programs and serves as a clearinghouse for technical research that aids in the protection and restoration of the City's natural resources.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

NRG has a full-time position for a Project Manager (PM) to implement ecological restoration projects focused primarily in the Bronx River watershed with the aim of meeting both environmental and social goals. These goals include creating fish passage for diadromous fish (river herring and American eel), restoring native vegetation communities, controlling invasive species, enhancing habitat for aquatic life, restoring oyster reefs in the estuary, better managing stormwater, implementing the Bronx River Ecological Restoration and Watershed Plans, and increasing community education and stewardship. The PM will be responsible for project management, coordination, permitting, planning, reporting, research, and monitoring, as well as for working with community groups, nonprofit organizations, consultants, federal, state and local agencies, and other divisions within Parks. Under the guidance of the Director of Wetlands Restoration, the PM may also assist with monitoring, design, and planning for wetlands and aquatic resource protection and restoration projects across NYC.

Tasks include:

- Coordinating with Parks Capital Division to manage and oversee **the construction of fish passage** on the Bronx River
- Managing the contracts and permitting for the design of **two new fish passage projects** at dams on the Bronx River
- Implementing a grant project to construct **stormwater best management practices** in the Bronx, focusing on Shoelace Park
- Providing guidance to partners in planning and implementing **ecological restoration** projects, including **invasive plant management** in the Bronx River Corridor
- Coordinating on-going projects along the Bronx River including but not limited to:
 - Oyster reef restoration at Soundview Park with NY/NJ Baykeeper, Hudson River Foundation, and other partners
 - Development of fisheries and wildlife management and monitoring strategies with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and other partners
 - Identification of potential restoration opportunities for water resource protection throughout the Bronx in partnership with the WCS Welikia project.
- Assessing restoration project performance and development of adaptive management approaches
- Preparing technical and financial presentations and reports for funders, collaborators, and the public.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college and two years of experience in community work or community centered activities in an area related to the duties described above; or
- High school graduation or equivalent and six years of experience in community work or community centered activities in an area related to the duties as described above; or
- Education and/or experience which is equivalent to above. However, all candidates must have at least one year of experience as described above.

PREFERRED SKILLS/QUALIFICATIONS

- A graduate degree from an accredited college in environmental science, ecology, botany, biology, environmental engineering, landscape architecture or related field;
- Satisfactory full-time experience in environmental research, resource conservation or engineering which involves the skills below
- Strong writing, analytical and project management skills
- Knowledge of wetland, aquatic and forest ecology, and green infrastructure and stormwater best management practices
- Experience with GPS and ArcGIS
- Ability to conduct research and work independently
- Experience in supervising interns, or volunteers
- Experience in field ecology and plant identification
- Ability to work under adverse conditions (heat, early/late hours, inclement weather, muddy and/or wet conditions)
- Valid NYS Driver's License

To apply, please submit cover letter, resume and writing sample to:

Marit Larson at Marit.Larson@parks.nyc.gov (preferred), or mail to: Marit Larson, Director of Wetland Restoration, Natural Resources Group, 1234 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10029; For more information call 212-360-1415 or visit <http://www.nycgovparks.org/opportunities/jobs/seasonal> for more information.