

City of New York/Parks & Recreation
Seasonal Job Vacancy Notice
Civil Service Title: Gardener I
Office Title: Forest Restoration Crew Member
Salary: \$17.53 per hour
Number of positions: 6
Work Location: City-wide

Agency Description: The Natural Resources Group (NRG) is a division within NYC Parks & Recreation that develops management and acquisition strategies for the restoration and protection of the City's wetlands, woodlands and meadows. The NRG Forest Restoration Team oversees a variety of woodland restoration activities including reforestation, exotic species control and slope stabilization.

Job Description: Under supervision, perform natural resource management tasks, including identifying and controlling invasive species, site clearing, planting preparation, and planting trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants. This work may include the following: operating cars, trucks, and other types of motorized vehicles, use of 2 cycle equipment such as hedge-trimmers and chainsaws, application of herbicide, cutting and carrying woody debris, chipping, maintaining planting sites, equipment and nursery space, training and supervision of volunteers and interns as necessary, and maintaining daily records of work.

Required Qualifications:

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.

Preferred Skills:

1. Bachelor's degree or graduate degree with emphasis in botany, ecology, forestry and wildlife management or related fields, or thirty credits, at least fifteen of which must pertain to forestry, horticulture, ecology, agriculture or a related field from an accredited college or community college
2. One year of full-time experience in horticulture work and/or restoration work.
3. Education and /or experience equivalent to "1" or "2" above.
4. A Motor Vehicle Driver License valid in the State of New York
5. Experience with hand and power tools used in natural resources work.
6. Familiarity with both native and invasive plant species of the northeastern United States.
7. Valid NYS pesticide applicator or technician license.
8. Ability to safely lift 50 lbs. of weight.

To Apply: Send resume and cover letter to: Michele Whitehurst at Michele.Whitehurst@parks.nyc.gov or mail to: Michele Whitehurst, Natural Resources Group, 1234 Fifth Ave., Room 250A, New York, NY 10029

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