

# 2012 NYC FALL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

## PARKS AND RECREATION- 001

Greenbelt Natural Resources Team: Wildlife Monitoring Intern  
Greenbelt  
Staten Island, NY

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### AGENCY DESCRIPTION

Parks & Recreation is the steward of more than 29,000 acres of land — 14 percent of New York City — including more than 5,000 individual properties ranging from Yankee Stadium and Central Park to community gardens and Greenstreets. We operate more than 800 athletic fields and nearly 1,000 playgrounds; we manage five major stadia, 600 tennis courts, 66 public pools, 51 recreational facilities, 17 nature centers, 14 golf courses, and 14 miles of beaches; we care for 800 monuments and 23 historic house museums; we look after 600,000 street trees, and two million more in parks. We are New York City's principal provider of athletic facilities. We are home to free concerts, world-class sports events, and cultural festivals.

The work of the agency goes far beyond the maintenance of 14% of New York City's land. Parks is the City's leading programmer of cultural, athletic and social activities, including nature walks, concerts, learn-to-swim classes, sports clinics, historic house tours, and much more. Each year Parks hosts annual events such as the WinterJam, Adventures NYC, the Pumpkin Festival and several others. In addition, Parks produces many special events, including concerts and movie premieres. In the summer, Parks' busiest season, the agency organizes free carnivals and concerts, and sends mobile recreation vans to travel throughout the five boroughs providing free rental equipment for skating, baseball, and miniature golf.

The Parks Commissioner is appointed by the Mayor to oversee and direct the work of the agency. The Commissioner appoints Deputy Commissioners, Borough Commissioners, and Assistant Commissioners who are responsible for managing the agency's divisions. These senior officials supervise the work of thousands of Parks employees. They work with elected officials to complete capital improvements for parks, playgrounds, and recreation centers. They work with the private sector to sponsor free public events. They get the community involved in Parks through volunteer initiatives and educational and athletic programming in recreation and nature centers. They prepare Parks' budget and monitor the work of Parks' ice-skating rinks, golf courses and other concessions.

### UNIT DESCRIPTION

The Greenbelt is one of New York City's flagship parks located in Staten Island. The Greenbelt Administration, in partnership with the Greenbelt Conservancy, oversees and coordinates the management of over 2,800 acres of natural areas including over 35 miles of hiking trails, traditional parks, a 5,440 square-foot state-of-the-art Nature Center, an Environmental Education Department, a Natural Resources Department, Native Plant Center Propagation Nursery and Demonstration Garden.

### POSITION TITLE

Greenbelt Natural Resources Team: Wildlife Monitoring Intern

### INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

The Wildlife Monitoring Interns will work under the supervision of the Greenbelt Natural Resources Manager and will assist the Natural Resources Team to monitor for amphibian, avian and aquatic species of concern.

### QUALIFICATIONS / SPECIAL SKILLS / AREAS OF STUDY

Students pursuing degrees in Wildlife Management, Biology or Ecology, Environmental Science or Natural Resource Management. Proficient with Microsoft Office. Experience using GPS and GIS technology. Able to perform physical labor tasks such as: lifting, uprooting, cutting, walking long distances, digging, hauling equipment and other related job functions. Able to work under adverse field conditions (rough terrain, inclement weather, muddy/wet conditions, etc...). A strong desire to learn about the many aspects of managing urban wildlife through a hands-on internship. We are looking for motivated, responsible and energetic individuals who can multi-task, have excellent communication and environmental skills to conduct work independently and as part of a team.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

Please email cover letter and resume to Leslie Nusblatt at [Leslie.Nusblatt@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:Leslie.Nusblatt@parks.nyc.gov).

**SALARY RANGE**

Unpaid.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / COMMENTS**

2 Intern positions are available.