



NYC Parks

CITY OF NEW YORK PARKS & RECREATION
SEASONAL JOB VACANCY NOTICE

Office Title: Gardener
Civil Service Title: Gardener
Work Location: Greenbelt Native Plant Center –
Staten Island

Duration: Starting 7/1/2018; 12-17 months
Salary: \$22.11 p/h

NYC Parks is the steward of more than 30,000 acres of land — 14 percent of New York City — including more than 5,000 individual properties ranging from Coney Island Beach and Central Park to community gardens and Greenstreets. We operate more than 800 athletic fields and nearly 1,000 playgrounds, 1,800 basketball courts, 550 tennis courts, 67 public pools, 51 recreational facilities, 15 nature centers, 14 golf courses, and 14 miles of beaches. We care for 1,200 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 providers of recreational and athletic facilities and programs. We are home to free concerts, world-class sports events, and cultural festivals.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the direct supervision of Nursery Manager and nursery supervisory staff:

- Assist in the general maintenance of nursery and greenhouse stock: weeding, watering, fertilizing; moving of stock; pulling of stock to fill orders.
- Assist in the transplanting and step up of nursery and greenhouse starter materials.
- Assist with preparation of soil mixes and potting operations: soil mixing and sterilization; filling of germination trays and cell packs; nursery gallon containers.
- Assist with preparation, maintenance, harvesting and cleaning of foundation seed plots: lay shade cloth; plant starter plugs; weed, fertilize, water; hand harvest seed heads; dry, clean and process foundation seed.
- Assist with wild seed collections; recognize species, determine seed maturity; follow randomization protocol for collecting seed; properly label collections.
- Assist in and perform tasks involved in the operation and care of hand and power tools and equipment. Make necessary operating adjustments to same; report needs for repairs and replacements to supervisor.
- Perform simple record keeping and prepare simple written reports.
- Drive vehicles and operates other motorized equipment incidental to the performance of duties.
- May supervise seasonal employees, as well as volunteers.

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.

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. Familiarity with native plant species of the NYC region, in all stages of growth.
2. New York State Pesticide Applicator License category 3A or 7 a plus

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.

Fees: Hired candidates will be subject to a processing fee of \$85.00. Hired candidates who are not currently employed by the City will be subject to an \$87.00 background check fee.

HOW TO APPLY Please email resume and cover to: Barbara Nickels at Email: barbara.nickels@parks.nyc.gov

POST DATE: 6/22/2018

POST UNTIL: FILLED

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