

Civil Service Title: Assistant Gardener

Salary: \$17.53 per hour

Duration: This is a 9 month seasonal position beginning April 2010.

Work Location: Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx

Number of Positions: 2

Van Cortlandt Park is New York City's fourth largest park, which is 1,146 acres; 60 percent of the park is forested. Van Cortlandt Forest Restoration is a 10 year undertaking to provide forestry management and ecological restoration to the park wooded habitats as part of a broader Bronx-wide program.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Work in collaboration with the Park Administrator, Natural Resources Group and community groups to improve forest quality and provide a safe park and healthy natural areas through invasive plant control, forest and tree management, and soil conservation and amelioration.
- Treat and remove invasive plants and tree hazards, and plant native species. Maintain trail and forest aesthetics.
- Supervise, train, and motivate team members, teens and 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. Thirty credits, at least fifteen of which must pertain to horticulture, agriculture or a related field from an accredited college or community college; or a certificate from a recognized horticultural or botanical program; or
3. Education and/or experience equivalent to "1" or "2" above.

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 within 90 days of employment.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

1. A Motor Vehicle Driver License valid in the State of New York is required.

PREFERRED SKILLS/QUALIFICATIONS

1. Experience in forestry management, including handling chainsaw and ecological restoration.
2. Ability to work under adverse conditions (rough terrain and inclement weather).
3. Knowledge of Northeastern United States native plant species.
4. New York State pesticide apprentice training.
5. Ability to work a flexible schedule including evenings and weekends.

To apply, please submit cover letter & resume by 3/26 to:

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Please note, that only candidates under consideration will be contacted.

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