

**Civil Service Title: Gardener**

**Office Title: Crew Leader, MillionTrees Training Program**

**Salary: \$22.53 per hour**

**Duration: This is a seasonal 7 months position beginning December 2009.**

**Work Location: Arsenal, Manhattan**

**Number of Positions: 1**

The Million Trees Training Program (MTTP) of the City of New York Parks & Recreation is seeking a dynamic individual to prepare and supervise a field crew of up to twelve 18-24 year olds. The MTTP trains disconnected youth in arboriculture, ecological restoration, gardening and job skills. This program funded with grants aims to improve New York City through Parks-based environmental projects and actively build a green workforce to supply the City's Million Trees initiative and PlaNYC with skilled individuals. GreenApple Corps will accomplish this goal by working together with Parks' Natural Resources Group, Central Forestry and Horticulture, Urban Park Rangers, Parks Opportunity Program as well as the New York Restoration Project, Lower East Side Ecology Center and the New York Botanic Garden, to educate and train members.

**MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Supervise, train, and motivate team members and volunteers.
- Plan and supervise work assignments to ensure all tasks are completed in a timely manner and according to agency and program specifications.
- Coordinate ecological restoration projects with team members and collaborators.
- Communicate clearly, effectively and professionally with team members, project collaborators, and program staff.
- Drive vehicles and operate motorized equipment in a safe manner to perform assigned duties.
- Maintain tools, equipment and vehicles and ensure they operate in proper working condition.
- Maintain accurate personnel records, track assignments and materials and order necessary supplies.
- Work with various Parks divisions throughout New York City in a wide variety of settings, including salt marshes, forests, meadows, and trails.

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**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

1. Two years 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 in horticulture, agriculture or a related field from an accredited college or community college, and one year of experience as described in "1" above; or
3. A certificate from a recognized horticultural or botanical program, and one year of full-time experience as described in "1" above; or
4. Education and/or experience equivalent to "1", "2" or "3" above. However, candidates must have at least one year of full-time experience as described in "1" above.

**LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

1. A Motor Vehicle Operator's License valid in the State of New York at time of appointment.
2. A Commercial Pesticide Applicator-Category 3A License issued by the State of New York Department of Environmental Conservation at time of appointment.

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.

**PREFERRED SKILLS/QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Six months of satisfactory, full-time experience performing ecological restoration field work required for the planting, maintenance, and removal of invasive trees and shrubs including motorized equipment for the performance of these duties.
2. One-year full-time experience supervising field staff and ability to lead a diverse group of people.
3. Proficiency in Microsoft Office.
4. Experience working with young adults.
5. Ability to work a flexible schedule including evenings and weekends.

**To apply, please submit cover letter & resume by 11/27 to:**

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