

NYC SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2010

PARKS & RECREATION-059

Landscape Architect PlaNYC Capital Projects
Olmsted Center Flushing Meadows Corona Park
Queens, 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

Schoolyards to Playgrounds is a mayoral initiative, part of PlaNYC 2030 to provide more open space to NYC by converting schoolyards to neighborhood playgrounds, opened after school and weekends. Working with consultants and a participatory design process, Parks produces playground reconstruction contract documents and construction project management.

Parks Dept is responsible for nearly 130 playgrounds offering amenities such as play equipment, court sports, playing fields, as well as benches and game tables. Outdoor classrooms are provided, creating spaces that animate as well as educate. Color seal coat provides color fields; and maps, games, north arrows and sun dials are used. Plantings, including shade and ornamental trees introduce natural elements into the formerly vacant asphalt yards. Yards revert to DOE after construction, to be managed and maintained by them.

POSITION TITLE

PlaNYC Landscape Architect Intern

INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

.Intern work to be divided between design and construction divisions of the unit, including:

- Site visits to confirm contract details and specifications in the field
- Draw design revisions if necessary
- Review submittals and recommend acceptance or rejection based on specifications
- Add to photo records of construction process
- Assist in data entry and contract file management

QUALIFICATIONS / SPECIAL SKILLS / AREAS OF STUDY

- ▣ Ability to accurately read contract drawings and specifications and observe accuracy of construction
- ▣ AutoCad
- ▣ Excel

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please email cover letter and resume to Leslie.Nusblatt@parks.nyc.gov

SALARY RANGE

Unpaid

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / COMMENTS

Must be able to assure regular attendance at agreed upon hours.