



CITY OF NEW YORK PARKS & RECREATION

CITYWIDE JOB VACANCY NOTICE: Job ID No. 603433

Office Title: Community Forest Educator

Civil Service Title: Community Associate **Title Code No:** 56057 **Level:** NA

Salary: \$41,887 - \$69,709

Number of Positions: 1 **Work Location:** Staten Island

NYC Parks is an award-winning City agency that designs, builds, and cares for public spaces for New Yorkers to connect, play and enjoy. NYC Parks manages more than 30,000 acres or 14% of the City's land, encompassing more than 5,000 individual properties. Our diverse set of assets includes recreational facilities, nature centers, historic buildings and structures, golf courses, athletic fields, playgrounds, tennis courts, public pools, public restrooms and nearly 14 miles of beaches.

The Greenbelt's varied landscape of 2,800 acres includes mature forests, wetlands, meadows, wildlife and over 35-miles of marked hiking trails. This position will report to the Greenbelt Director of Education and Greenbelt Park Administrator to oversee the Greenbelt Conservation Corps. The Greenbelt Conservation Corps (GCC) is a stewardship focused program that is dedicated to conserve and restore the natural areas of the Staten Island Greenbelt. GCC leaders work with a coalition of NYC Parks and Natural Areas Conservation staff, community members and high school students to provide experiential work and place-based learning with the goal of fostering diverse community engagement through teamwork and individualized learning. The mission of the GCC is to inspire people to make positive impacts through meaningful land stewardship projects resulting in personal growth and environmental sustainability.

Major Responsibilities

- Under general supervision, with latitude for independent initiative and judgment, lead the GCC program where participants will engage in forest restoration projects and trail work.
- Collaborate with environmental groups, other NYC Parks divisions and community groups to scope and develop training workshops.
- Outreach to expand workforce development program with local high schools and lead students in restoration projects and the possibilities of a green workforce.
- Facilitate, organize and lead community stewardship projects and public engagement events.
- Collect data, create reports, and manage project budgets and expenditures.
- Design and implement curriculum for high school CTE students.
- Lead in recruiting, training, and scheduling forestry volunteers and interns; Create volunteer appreciation events.
- Assist in facility operations for the education department and interact with visitors.

Qualification Requirements

1. High school graduation or equivalent and three years of experience in community work or community centered activities in an area related to duties described above; or
2. Education and/or experience which is equivalent to "1" 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 within 90 days of hire for all other candidates.

Preferred Skills/Qualifications

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, with a specialization in forestry or a related subject, such as trail and forest restoration and one year of full time professional experience in forestry or environmental education.
2. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
3. Experience working with the public and school age students.
4. Ability to work independently.
5. Ability to work outdoors in a natural setting in all conditions.
6. Experience in project management or community outreach.
7. Familiarity with forest ecology, site analysis, trail restoration, curriculum development.
8. Skills or experience in building or restoring trails and forest landscapes; mitigating erosion control measures.

How to Apply

All Applicants:

Go to cityjobs.nyc.gov and search for **Job ID# 603433**.

Current City Employees please include your ERN and Job ID# 603433 on your cover letter and resume.

POST DATE: 09/08/2023

POST UNTIL: 09/22/2023

NOTE: All resumes must be received no later than the last day of the posting period. References will be required upon request. If you have any questions regarding this vacancy or require a reasonable accommodation during the application process, please call the Human Resources Division at (212) 830-7851.

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