

Park Gardener Riverside Park South

Riverside Park Conservancy is the non-profit conservancy that supports the New York City Parks Department in the care and restoration of Riverside Park, one of New York's flagship parks and a registered Scenic Landmark.

Riverside Park South is an award winning waterfront park running from West 59th Street to West 72nd Street on the Hudson River waterfront. Designed by landscape architect Thomas Balsley Associates, the first section of this 6 phase park was completed in 2001 and the park has rapidly become not just a popular neighborhood park but a destination park. The design includes curvilinear decked walkways which wind through massed expansive plantings of ornamental grasses and native grasses interspersed with open lawns framed by oaks and river birches.

Major Tasks and Responsibilities

- Maintain and advance horticultural and restoration areas, according to Parks Department standards and Conservancy priorities.
- Create and carry out work plans independently. Identify plants and their maintenance needs: in particular ornamental and native grasses.
- Must have strong time management and communication skills
- Care for assigned gardens and landscape areas, adhering to and sustaining approved planting plans on appropriate seasonal schedule.
- Monitor irrigation system, monitor and amend soil, excellent pruning skills.
- Work closely with the Grassroots Volunteer Program. Plan and carry out logistics.
- Lead groups of volunteers. Be comfortable talking in front of a group and giving clear direction. Instruct volunteers in proper techniques, a successful project outcome, and the care and use of tools.
- Work closely with and support individual volunteers in the care of their assigned areas, responding to requests for materials and other needs. Coordinate with volunteer department.
- As required, keep simple records and prepare written reports. May supervise other staff as directed.
- Collect and remove trash and debris; sweep paths and stairs; install and maintain temporary fencing; remove snow and ice; operate and properly maintain tools and equipment.
- Perform other assigned duties.

Qualifications

- 1) Two years full time experience in horticultural work, including planting and caring for plants, shrubs, trees, and lawns, and general grounds keeping as described above, including work with volunteers, and
- 2) 30 credits, at least 15 of them in horticulture or a related field, from an accredited college or community college, or
- 3) Education and/or experience equivalent to 1 and 2 above.

Additional areas of specialization such as native plants, restoration experience, education or supervisory experience and herbicide license considered a plus.

Must have a valid New York State driver's license. Must be able to lift 40 pounds. Must be available to work weekends.

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