

Zone Gardener

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 Conservancy is looking for full time Gardeners. Riverside Park and the adjacent Riverside Park South, West Harlem Piers Park, and Fort Washington Park contain numerous entrance gardens, woodlands, scenic promenades, ballfields, cafes, and access to six miles of Hudson River waterfront. Riverside Park, one of New York City's premier waterfront parks, is a Scenic Landmark originally designed by Frederick Law Olmsted.

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 in conjunction with area supervisor. Identify plants and their maintenance needs: in particular native woodland plant species.
- 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.
- 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 institution.
- 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 driver's license. Must be able to lift 40 pounds. Must be available to work weekends.

To Apply: Please submit your **resume and cover letter** via email to jobs@riversideparknyc.org with 'Zone Gardener' in the subject line.

Riverside Park Conservancy provides a competitive benefits package, including 401(k), health care and paid time off. Salary is commensurate with experience.

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