

The Bronx is... Blooming



Assistant Horticulturist (Seasonal)

About the Organization:

The Bronx is Blooming (BiB) leverages the resources of communities in The Bronx to revitalize urban parkland, restore local habitat, and enhance environmental quality in chronically underserved neighborhoods. Our mission is to grow and support a culture of environmental stewardship in The Bronx, creating opportunities for residents to become drivers of change and protectors of the borough's natural resources. Grow, Revitalize, Engage, Educate, Nurture (GREEN), one of our core programs, provides hands-on environmental workshops to schools, civic groups, and volunteer groups, and community members through which participants learn about local ecology while restoring neighborhood park ecosystems to support the environmental and public health of their communities. Our Program for Leaders Advancing our Community's Environment (PLACE) focuses on equipping high school and college age participants with the skills they need to become leaders in environmental stewardship, environmental justice, and their professional future.

Job Description

The Assistant Horticulturist creates beautiful and interesting public spaces that support local wildlife and promote stewardship in the Bronx. They will report to the Environmental Program Manager, and help with the maintenance and care of all plants and tools for the 35+ gardens that The Bronx is Blooming maintains in our Bronx Parks and green spaces. The Assistant Horticulturist will work alongside The Bronx is Blooming Environmental Program staff to ensure all gardens meet aesthetic and horticultural standards. They will work in our various locations using their skills to plant, prune, mulch, weed, water, and generally maintain the upkeep of these garden beds. They will share their knowledge at some stewardship events, leading volunteers in this work. The Assistant Horticulturist will also help with data management and record keeping on each bed, which will include accurate tracking of plant life cycles (bloom times, seed head formation, etc.) and overall growth of plants from season to season.

Qualifications:

Required:

- Ability to identify local native and invasive species
- Able to work outdoors all day and demonstrate safe use of all common garden tools
- Outgoing and conversational
- Passionate about the environment

Preferred:

- Experience teaching/ working with youth
- Proficiency in Airtable
- Experience with Photography
- Desire to teach and spend time with Bronx students of all ages

Time Commitment:

Part Time: July through September. Flexible Schedule, 20-25 hours per week. May continue through Fall.

Salary:

\$21-22 per hour

To Apply: Interested candidates should submit a resume and contact information for three professional references to

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careers@bronxisblooming.org. Please indicate "Assistant Horticulturist Application - [Your Name]" in the subject line. The application deadline is 6/7/2024.

Email any questions to John Vallacchi (john@bronxisblooming.org)

BiB strives to be a safe, inclusive, and encouraging workplace for people of all backgrounds. We strongly encourage members of underrepresented groups in the horticulture, forestry, and environmental sector to apply. The Bronx is Blooming is an equal opportunity employer.