



## **POSITION DESCRIPTION:**

### **Full-Time Gardener**

The High Line is a new public open space on a disused, elevated rail structure on the west side of Manhattan. Built between 1929 and 1934 to carry rail freight, the High Line runs from Gansevoort Street to 34th Street. The High Line has been unused for freight transportation since 1980. It is now owned by the City of New York, under the jurisdiction of the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR).

The High Line will be managed by Friends of the High Line (FHL)—the City's non-profit partner in the design, construction, and ongoing maintenance of the park, in collaboration with the Department of Parks & Recreation. The first section of the park is scheduled to open in the spring or early summer of 2009.

#### **Job Description**

The Gardener is a central position in the year-round care and maintenance of the park's landscape and grounds. The Gardener will be responsible for all aspects of monitoring, caring for, and reporting on designated park zones, including diverse plantings, hardscape elements, and public use of the area. The High Line is to be maintained sustainably, in a first class condition, commensurate with the world-class design and the mission of both FHL and DPR. The Gardener will be an employee of Friends of the High Line, working under the general supervision of FHL's Chief of Park Operations and Horticulture and reporting directly to the Deputy Director of Horticulture.

#### **Primary tasks:**

- Maintain diverse plantings of trees, shrubs, vines, perennials, grasses, and bulbs;
- Hand-water and monitor irrigation of plantings, especially during time of establishment and drought;
- Perform seasonal landscape work including pruning, clean-up, bulb planting, dividing and transplanting, leaf removal;
- Actively promote and contribute to the High Line's sustainability initiatives in landscape and park management;
- Participate in ice and snow removal;
- Lead horticultural tours and assist with special programs, as needed;
- Assist with training and support seasonal gardeners and interns;
- Document, report, and catalog plant-related information;
- Scout for pests and disease;
- Clean up litter in planting beds.

**Qualifications:**

- Two or more years horticultural experience with in-depth knowledge of plant culture, maintenance, and identification;
- Degree/Certification in horticulture or related field preferred;
- Ability to work alone or in groups, in all weather conditions;
- Flexibility to work long hours, holidays, and weekends as necessary;
- Valid NY state drivers license;
- Applicant may be required to pass written and practical exam;
- Computer-literate;
- Ability to handle electric equipment, power tools;
- Must be a team-player, willing to collaborate on any and all tasks required for maintaining the highest standards of landscape management and operations.

**To Apply**

Please submit your cover letter, resume, and salary requirements to [jobs@thehighline.org](mailto:jobs@thehighline.org). Only those whose applications are being considered will be contacted.

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