

Department: Philadelphia Parks & Recreation

Division: Urban Forestry & Ecosystem Management

Title: TreePhilly Intern

Type: Seasonal, 9-Month

Salary/Hours: \$15/hour, 37.5 hours/week

Philadelphia Parks & Recreation's TreePhilly Program promotes Philadelphia's urban forest and provides residents with the resources they need to plant and care for trees in their own yards and in public spaces. Since 2011, TreePhilly has distributed 13,000 free yard trees to Philadelphia property owners through the Yard Tree Giveaway Program. The TreePhilly Program is a partnership with the Fairmount Park Conservancy and Wells Fargo.

The TreePhilly Program seeks a seasonal Intern to support existing tree planting and giveaway projects and to develop new ideas to promote tree planting in Philadelphia. The position requires an energetic and organized person who can work independently as well as collaboratively with the TreePhilly Program Manager. The Intern position will begin on Tues. September 1st, 2015 and end on Fri. June 3rd, 2016 and will have a flexible schedule that includes evening and weekend work, both in and out of the office. This position reports directly to the TreePhilly Program Manager.

Responsibilities:

- Assist in the planning and staffing of Yard Tree Giveaway events in the spring and fall;
- Coordinate the Community Yard Tree Giveaway Grant program, including leading trainings; scheduling events, collecting completed grant materials, and distributing grant awards;
- Contribute to and help maintain TreePhilly website and social media accounts;
- Answer phone calls and emails from Philadelphia residents related to TreePhilly programs and city tree planting processes;
- Attend community meetings and events to promote TreePhilly programs;
- Develop new programming to promote tree planting in under represented communities;
- Data entry and best practices research.

Qualifications:

- Resident of the City of Philadelphia;
- Bachelor's degree in forestry, horticulture, plant science or related field, or equivalent experience;
- Minimum of 1 year experience in community organizing;
- Experience with volunteer organizing and event planning;

- Excellent oral and written communication skills;
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office programs, especially Microsoft Excel;
- Ability to lift 50 lbs and work outside in adverse conditions; and
- Preferred: Familiarity with the City of Philadelphia and its neighborhoods.

Please send resume and cover letter by July 31st, 2015 to:

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