



**NORTH
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ALLIANCE**

POSITION DESCRIPTION: PART-TIME SEASONAL MOBILE GARDENER
(MULTIPLE JOB OPENINGS)

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North Brooklyn Parks Alliance (NBK Parks)—the non-profit conservancy for parks and open spaces in Greenpoint & Williamsburg—is currently seeking motivated and energetic individuals to join a dedicated team working together to ensure that local public green spaces are thriving for the community.

POSITION SUMMARY

The Mobile Gardening Team will be responsible for supporting the care and maintenance of the gardens, landscaped areas, and other public green spaces in Brooklyn’s Community Board 1 (Williamsburg/Greenpoint). The team will report to and work under the supervision of NBK Parks’ Director of Horticulture & Stewardship with support from the Lead Gardener.

The role includes the overall stewardship, maintenance, and health of gardens, planted areas, street and park trees, shrubs, flowers, garden beds, planters, paths, and plazas. Mobile Gardeners will work alongside and collaboratively with Mobile Grounds Crew Members to keep public green spaces in NBK Parks’ care watered as needed and free from litter, debris, pet waste, and weeds. Mobile Gardeners may also support volunteer and cultural events that take place in these spaces as needed.

JOB DESCRIPTION

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Day-to-day responsibilities include monitoring the health of trees, plants, and green spaces, watering and feeding plants, trimming trees and shrubs, fertilizing and mowing lawns, weeding, planting, transplanting, and cultivating garden beds, landscaping pathways, seating areas and irrigation channels, spring cutbacks, as well as keeping green spaces, water drains, and walkways clear of debris and litter.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

- **Education/Experience-Related**
 - At least 1 year of in gardening, landscaping, or horticulture
 - High school diploma or equivalent
 - Ability to read, write, and communicate in English (other languages a plus)
- **Horticulture-Related**
 - Able to implement detailed landscape plans as directed by management
 - Ability to plant, transplant, water, prune, remove weeds removal, and fertilize in flower, shrub and tree beds, and planted areas.
 - Be able to plant and propagate garden bed plants; may work in greenhouse operations, as applicable
 - Must maintain flowers, grasses, trees, shrubs, lawns and/or athletic fields
 - Must maintain landscaping and hardscaping details: garden protectors, seating arrangements, decking, bird baths, insect houses, wayfinding, and path lighting
 - Plant identification skills, ability to differentiate between native and invasive plants
 - Knowledge of, or a willingness to learn, basic regional ecological practices including landscapes, native plants and pollinators
- **Equipment-Related**
 - Must maintain irrigations systems: water wagon, rain barrels, sprinkler heads, hoses system, drip hoses, trench systems, and all other related equipment and watering methodology
 - Must ensure tools, equipment and supplies in good working order
 - Must possess a valid New York State driver's license and be able to operate vehicles within a single site or from site to site to transport materials and equipment or conduct work as appropriate to the position
 - Must ensure proper care in the use and maintenance of equipment and supplies
 - Must adhere to workplace safety and environmental practices
 - Ability to operate power edgers and movers, trucks, tractors and attachments, sweepers, skip loaders, forklifts, and other assigned equipment
- **Physical-Related**
 - Able to perform extensive physical activity including lifting, pushing, or pulling of heavy objects
 - Work involves intermittent exposure to urban elements, such as chemicals, dirt, dust, fumes, smoke, and/or loud noises



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- Must be able to work in all weather conditions
- **Maintenance-Related**
 - May oversee and/or assist with snow removal activities.
 - Report damage to signage, hardscape, planted areas, lighting, drains and issues in the surrounding streetscape
 - Assist in setting up special events
 - Able/willing to pick up and dispose of litter
 - Able to perform custodial or maintenance duties on a relief basis as assigned
- **Personal/Interpersonal-Related**
 - Must be able to assist in the work direction and on-the-job training of other personnel
 - Must perform duties as assigned or requested
 - Demonstrated record of reliability; ability to work independently, self-starting, motivated individual
 - Must be an enthusiastic team-player, willing to collaborate on tasks; commitment to shared goals
- **Administration-Related**
 - Must have a smartphone, with a US-based phone number and data plan (WIFI enabled)
 - Ability to document work, access email, Google drive, and daily task software

HOURS & COMPENSATION

- **Hours**
 - This is a part-time seasonal position beginning in early spring 2023 and running through late fall 2023 (April–December 2023)
 - The position will typically maintain a regular schedule during the week but often requires a certain degree of flexibility that may necessitate some evenings and/or weekends (Saturday and Sunday).
 - There are two shift options available:
 - Shift Option 1

- 4-Hour Shifts 4-Days/Week (16 hrs weekly / 32 hrs bi-weekly)
 - Shift Option 2
 - 6-Hour Shifts / 5-Days/Week (24 hrs weekly / 48 hrs bi-weekly)
- **Compensation**
 - \$20 hourly rate.

TO APPLY:

Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter and resume (as one PDF document) via email with "MOBILE GARDENER" in the subject line to Lisa Bloodgood, Director of Horticulture & Stewardship, at lisa@nbkparcs.org by March 2, 2023. Please indicate in your cover letter whether you are interested in the 4 or 6-hour shifts.

We will contact only those individuals whose applications are being considered.

ABOUT NBK PARKS

North Brooklyn Parks Alliance (NBK Parks), formerly known as Open Space Alliance, was founded twenty years ago in 2003. The organization is dedicated to fostering a vibrant and equitable network of parks and open spaces in Greenpoint and Williamsburg. nbkparcs.org / @nbkparcs

North Brooklyn Parks Alliance is an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law. NBK Parks is committed to building a culturally diverse community and strongly encourages applications from candidates from underrepresented communities.