

POSITION DESCRIPTION: Under the K Bridge Park - Irrigation Technician

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 28, 2025

Start Date: March 1, 2025

OVERVIEW

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 Under the K Bridge Park (UTK) and other local green spaces are thriving for the benefit of all North Brooklyn communities. Founded in 2003 as the Open Space Alliance, the North Brooklyn Parks Alliance's mission is to create an equitable, accessible, and vibrant parks system in North Brooklyn.

POSITION SUMMARY

The Irrigation Technician is responsible for all organizational water access requirements, including those related to horticulture/landscaping, the UTK Native Nursery and Seed Plots, working with event teams to fulfill production needs, and supporting work in public plazas and parks. The technician should be comfortable working with hydrants, have an understanding of irrigation systems, have experience with all necessary parts/tools, and have a working knowledge of horticulture needs in the landscape and in unique/challenging public spaces. This role should also be able to propose creative techniques to meet the organizational needs, including building more efficient systems, investing in rainwater capture and other water conservation methodologies, and drafting operating procedures and training documents. This position will report directly to the UTK Park Manager and work closely with the Director of Facilities, the Director of Horticulture and Stewardship, and the Nursery Manager.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Knowledge of practices, methods, equipment, tools, and materials used in maintaining, repairing, constructing, and installing water irrigation systems
- Ensure all horticulture investments (garden beds, planters, and the UTK Native Nursery) are watered with a consistent schedule based on seasonal and plant-specific needs
- Understand principles of water conservation and usage relating to irrigation systems

- Ensure all NBKParks equipment is stored properly and kept in great working condition; troubleshoot and repair equipment or coordinate repairs with the appropriate person
- Basic horticulture techniques
- Help maintain catch basins to prevent flooding
- Respond to service requests in a timely and appropriate fashion
- Document, address, and report damage to park facilities
- Safely operate NBKParks vehicles, including pickup trucks, box trucks, off-road vehicles
- Act as an NBKParks Ambassador with all external partners
- Maintain the highest standards of personal and public safety; follow all policies/procedures, risk management, and safety precaution
- Communicate consistently, effectively, and in a timely manner between the diverse teams and leadership

QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimum of 2–3 years of demonstrated successful experience in an operational and/or technical capacity
- Able to perform physical labor during a full shift, including the ability to lift 50lbs, frequent bending and squatting, standing/walking for extended periods, etc.
- Able to work in all weather conditions, including cold/hot temperatures, rain, wind, and snow
- Experience using power tools and equipment safely and effectively
- Able to work independently and problem-solve as needed
- Strong attention to detail and a commitment to quality work
- Training in a vocational/trade school or an electrical or carpentry apprenticeship a plus
- Experience using heavy machinery, including skid steers, forklifts, a plus
- Basic computer skills and ability to work with all necessary software including, G-Suite programs, Whatsapp, Homebase Payroll, Monday.com, Apple/Mac iOS
- Able to work in a dynamic and fast-changing work environment; flexible and willing to adjust to situations as they occur
- Must have a smartphone
- Must have a valid New York driver's license during the time of employment

COMPENSATION AND HOURS

This is a full-time seasonal position from April 1, 2025 - December 15, 2025, with an opportunity for extension. The Irrigation Technician schedule is typically Monday through Friday, but staff should expect to work Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays as needed. Approx. hours for this role are 40 hours/week. The hourly range is \$21 to \$25 per hour, commensurate with experience.

TO APPLY

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and accepted no later than February 28, 2025. Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter and resume (as one PDF document) via email with



"2025 IRRIGATION TECHNICIAN" as the subject line to jobs@nbkparks.org. 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 20 years ago in 2003. The organization is dedicated to fostering a vibrant and equitable network of parks and open spaces in Greenpoint and Williamsburg. nbkparks.org / @nbkparks

ABOUT UNDER THE K

Under the K Bridge Park is located under the Kosciuszko Bridge in Greenpoint, Brooklyn. When Under the K opened in 2021, it transformed seven acres of formerly underutilized land in Greenpoint's Industrial Business Zone into a space where culture and nature can thrive together. The park is programmed and maintained by the North Brooklyn Parks Alliance through an agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation. @underthek

North Brooklyn Parks Alliance is an equal-opportunity employer. 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. NBKParks is committed to building a culturally diverse community and strongly encourages applications from candidates from underrepresented communities.