

COORDINATE LAND STEWARDSHIP IN STATE PARK

TITLE: FORCES Program Coordinator

WORK LOCATION: New York State Parks in Westchester County

Headquarters will be: Rockefeller State Park Preserve
125 Phelps Way
Pleasantville, New York 10570

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation seeks a highly motivated and experienced individual to coordinate the **FORCES (Friends Of Recreation, Conservation and Environmental Stewardship)** program within four State Parks (Rockefeller State Park Preserve, Old Croton Aqueduct, FDR State Park and John Jay Homestead State Historic Site). FORCES advances land stewardship, conservation science and education, and boosts collegiate and public volunteerism in State Parks.

SALARY and TIMEFRAME: \$13.40/hour. Fulltime (40 hours) from early April to late October (flexible). The incumbent may be required to work some week nights, weekends and holidays.

JOB DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Hire and supervise two seasonal Land Stewards from local colleges
- Work with Park Managers to plan and implement land stewardship and vegetation management projects that promote native biodiversity and reduce invasive species.
- Help conduct periodic workshops and field days for students and the public that offer basic training in local natural history, conservation biology and land stewardship.
- Keep daily logs and land management records
- Promote the FORCES program via multiple media, including presentations, articles, newsletters, local newspapers, OPRHP and participating academia websites, Facebook and e-mail.

QUALIFICATIONS: BS or MS preferred in environmental sciences, natural resource or recreation management, or related field with experience in environmental stewardship/education, civic engagement, and coordination of volunteer/service learning programs desired. Requirements:

- knowledge of Lower Hudson Valley's natural, cultural and recreational resources;
- be physically fit and able to work full days outside;
- experience in natural resource management;
- passion for connecting with and mentoring college students; and

- ability to form relationships with community partners, park patrons and educational institutions, including K-12 schools and collegiate institutions.
- A valid NYS Driver's License
- Preferred skills include familiarity with invasive weed control and experience with small power tools and land management equipment.

TO APPLY: Submit resume and letter of interest to susan.antenen@parks.ny.gov by March 28 2015.

* This position is funded through the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT), a New York State public benefit corporation. The selected candidate will be an employee of the NHT with work conducted under the supervision of the Manager of Rockefeller State Park Preserve. The NHT is an equal opportunity employer.