



Internship Opportunity! Interpretive Landscape Management Steward

Time Frame: May 31, 2017- August 2017, later if available
Deadline to Apply: May 1
Class Credit: Available, but not required
Time Commitment: 1-2 days (7-14 hours)/week (TBD)

Position Description:

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) in the Finger Lakes Region is seeking an Interpretive Landscape Management Steward to assist agency staff in completing a large-scale, native landscaping project with educational interpretation components. Stewardship for the parks in this capacity means that the individuals chosen as Stewards will act as caretakers over and educators of the indicated areas.

Work duties may include:

- Planting of native plant species and removal of invasive plant species.
- Working with Plant Materials Program on site to source native plant seed to utilize within landscaping.
- Educating agency staff on specific plant species, their care needs and interpretive abilities for landscaped and water retention areas.
- Creating a landscape care plan for site maintenance staff.
- Creating planting plans within the landscape design, including designing and installing a student learning area.
- Developing and/or presenting educational programs for park patrons, staff and volunteer docents.
- Organizing and implementing volunteer efforts.

In addition, Stewards will gain valuable field experience and learn organizational, leadership and communication skills that they will be able to apply in their personal and professional lives. The Stewards will also have the opportunity to network within NYS Parks and other state agencies, and learn the logistics of working at the state level.

Qualifications:

- Candidates must be self-motivated, able to initiate projects and tasks, have good time management and organizational skills, and effectively work with students and the public.
- Candidates must be comfortable doing manual labor & working outside in a variety of weather conditions.
- Experience with plant identification necessary. Experience with landscaping techniques preferred.
- Experience with hand tools, map reading, insect/amphibian ID and GIS helpful but not necessary.
- Candidates must be able to provide their own transportation to and from work sites.

If interested, please send a resume and letter of intent to:

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*FORCES is a model aimed to grow volunteerism within New York State Parks by giving students the opportunity to participate in stewardship, conservation, and historic preservation projects.