



## **Internship Opportunity!** **Plant Materials Program Steward**

**Time Frame:** Spring – Fall 2017  
**Deadline to Apply:** Rolling  
**Class Credit:** Available, but not required  
**Time Commitment:** 8-16 hours/week  
**Work Location:** Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion State Historic Park, Canandaigua, NY

### **Position Description:**

The NYSOPRHP Finger Lakes Plant Materials Program is based at Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion State Historic Park. The Plant Materials Program will produce native plant materials, utilizing locally collected seed. These plant materials will support various ecological restoration and enhancement projects throughout the Finger Lakes Region. The Plant Materials Program Steward will assist in the facilitation of plant materials production towards these projects. They will be responsible for supporting greenhouse production, as well as aiding the collection of seed materials and fulfilling plant material requests. The Plant Materials Program Steward will be trained in native plant materials collection and propagation techniques.

### Work duties may include:

- Supporting greenhouse production, including: preparing soil mixes, sowing flats, watering, propagating, transplanting, and maintaining clean production space
- Recording information to support operational records, including: assessing plant quality and growth and maintaining inventory with regard to fulfilling plant material requests
- Assisting in collection of seed materials, including: identifying appropriate seed collection sites, monitoring for seed maturity, implementing seed collection protocols, maintaining complete and detailed data records for all seed collections, and organizing seed collection efforts

### **Qualifications:**

- Experience with plant identification and plant materials collection and propagation is beneficial, but not required.
- Candidate should have excellent communication and organizational skills, be reliable and self-motivated.
- Ability to work outdoors and in both heated and unheated greenhouse conditions under limited supervision required.
- Candidates must be able to provide their own transportation to and from work site.

### **If interested, please contact:**

Brigitte Wierzbicki

Plant Materials Program Coordinator – Environmental Field Team

**New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation**

1488 NY-444, Victor, NY 14564-9310

Office: 585-742-1732 | [brigitte.wierzbicki@parks.ny.gov](mailto:brigitte.wierzbicki@parks.ny.gov) | [www.nysparks.com](http://www.nysparks.com)