



PLANTING FIELDS

Horticulture: Historic Landscape Technician (Part-time)

Planting Fields Foundation is hiring a part-time historic landscape technician to join a growing team tasked with landscape projects as they relate to the implementation and maintenance of the Cultural Landscape Report (CLR). The CLR strives to restore the Olmsted Brothers vision for this 409-acre estate. The landscape technician will collaborate closely with the Director of Horticulture and team, as well as New York State Parks staff and volunteers to ensure the best management practices of this landscape.

This is an exciting, year-round opportunity for candidates eager to join a growing organization embarking on the next phase of institutional growth. The ideal candidate will be initiative-taking and resourceful in implementing and maintaining landscape initiatives.

Duties + Responsibilities

- Collaborate closely with the Director of Horticulture to ensure that the restoration of the Olmsted Brothers vision of Planting Fields is implemented, maintained, and preserved through the realization of the recommendations of the CLR.
- Perform landscape maintenance of site-specific Olmsted Brothers projects: Heather Garden, Main Drive Allee, Serpentine Path, and Carshalton Gates.
- Understanding of best practices for landscapes.
- Safe use of light garden machinery including pruners, trimmers, folding saws, etc. when necessary.
- Collaborate with volunteers in Olmsted Brothers designated garden areas at Planting Fields.
- Work with NYS Parks landscape staff as assigned.
- Function as an ambassador for Planting Fields, answering questions for park visitors about horticulture, history and design, and general park information.
- Develop a broad familiarity of the living collections.
- Support public programs, special events, or demonstrations as needed.
- Perform other tasks and duties as assigned.

Qualifications + Requirements

- Experience working in a public garden or historic landscape preferred.
- Formal training in horticulture preferred.
- Practical experience in the maintenance of public gardens or landscapes.
- Strong communication and collaboration skills.

- Strong organizational skills, mindfulness, and ability to prioritize multiple time-sensitive projects in a demanding environment.
- Keen interest in working at a dynamic historic site.
- Must be diplomatic, analytical, of the highest integrity, and possess sound judgment.
- Regular office hours are required. Due to the nature of the responsibilities, evening and weekend work is sometimes required, and at times may be on an emergency basis.
- Ability to communicate clearly and provide direction to co-workers and volunteers.

Additional Information

This is a part-time position based in Oyster Bay, New York. Professional growth benefits include educational field trips, industry conferences, field days, and mentoring by senior staff. The hourly pay rate is \$20 - \$23 commensurate with experience.

Planting Fields Foundation is an equal opportunity employer that is committed to diversity and inclusion in the workplace. We prohibit discrimination and harassment of any kind based on race, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, genetic information, pregnancy, or any other protected characteristic as outlined by federal, state, or local laws. This policy applies to all employment practices within our organization, including hiring, recruiting, promotion, termination, layoff, recall, leave of absence, compensation, benefits, training, and apprenticeship. Planting Fields Foundation makes hiring decisions based solely on qualifications, merit, and business needs at the time.

To apply, send a resume and letter of interest (both in PDF format) to dmoramarco@plantingfields.org.

About Planting Fields

Planting Fields Foundation strives to preserve and make relevant to all audiences the heritage of Planting Fields, an early 20th century 409-acre estate, designed as an integrated composition of the built and natural world. Founded in 1952 by William R. Coe, the Foundation is a not-for-profit public educational foundation chartered by the New York State Board of Regents and tax exempt under the status for a 501C3 organization. Located in Oyster Bay, New York and originally landscaped by the Olmsted Brothers of Brookline, Massachusetts, the Arboretum grounds feature 409 acres of greenhouses, rolling lawns, formal gardens, woodland paths, and outstanding plant collections. The original historic estate buildings remain intact including Coe Hall, a 65-room Tudor Revival mansion designed by Walker & Gillette. The interior of the house is a showcase of artistry and craftsmanship and features a distinctly American aesthetic through original ironwork commissions by Samuel Yellin and murals painted by artists Robert Winthrop Chanler and Everett Shinn. Planting Fields is included in the National Register of Historic Places. Learn more at www.plantingfields.org.