

# 2015 NYC SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

## AGENCY NAME

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

## DIVISION

Capital Projects Arboriculture and Horticulture Intern

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## AGENCY DESCRIPTION (Max characters 3000)

The New York City Department of Parks and Recreation manages 14 percent of the land in New York City. These assets range from playgrounds and large parks, to tranquil wooded areas and over 14 miles of beaches. Parks serve as New Yorkers' backyards, as vital meeting areas for outdoor play and recreation - but also as critical engines for economic growth and development.

The past decade has seen a remarkable expansion of this system, with new parks, playgrounds, recreational facilities, and amenities opening across the five boroughs. The Bronx River was transformed from an urban dumping ground into a waterway that welcomes kayakers and has gleaming new parks dotting its shoreline. In Queens, Elmhurst Park flourishes where huge gas tanks once stood. In Manhattan, the High Line is a unique open space that brings much needed parkland to the Chelsea community. Brooklyn's once-abandoned industrial waterfront is revitalized with the creation of Brooklyn Bridge Park, Transmitter, and Bushwick Inlet Parks. On Staten Island, Freshkills will cover 2,200 acres of former landfill with lush rolling hills and winding streams. And through PlaNYC, we are ensuring a greener and more sustainable city for future generations. NYC Parks has built new regional parks, restored abandoned Works Progress Administration-era facilities such as McCarren Pool, greened asphalt traffic medians, converted part-time schoolyards into full-time public playgrounds, and has already planted more than 800,000 trees toward our goal of one million.

The work of the agency goes far beyond the maintenance of 14% of New York City's land. Parks is the City's leading programmer of cultural, athletic and social activities, including nature walks, concerts, learn-to-swim classes, sports clinics, historic house tours, and much more. Each year Parks hosts annual events such as WinterJam, Adventures NYC, and the Pumpkin Festival. In addition, Parks produces many special events, concerts and movie premieres, as well as providing free rental equipment for skating, baseball, and miniature golf.

The Parks Commissioner is appointed by the Mayor to oversee and direct the work of the agency. The Commissioner appoints Deputy Commissioners, Borough Commissioners, and Assistant Commissioners who are responsible for managing the agency's divisions. These senior officials supervise the work of thousands of Parks employees. They work with elected officials to complete capital improvements for parks, playgrounds, and recreation centers. They work with the private sector to sponsor free public events. They get the community involved in Parks through volunteer initiatives and educational and athletic programming in recreation and nature centers. They prepare Parks' budget and monitor the work of Parks' ice-skating rinks, golf courses and other concessions.

## UNIT DESCRIPTION (Max characters 1000 )

Capital Projects Arboriculture & Horticulture. A&H oversees the horticultural element for Capital Projects in both Design and Construction. During the design phase, A&H will provide tree inventory and analysis for the project designer. A&H reviews the drawing set throughout the design process. In construction A&H assists the residents in regards to all of the tree, plants, topsoil and lawn items in the contract. A&H is on site during the horticultural aspects of construction, and monitors the tree protection as specified in the drawing documents.

**POSITION TITLE (Max characters 100)**

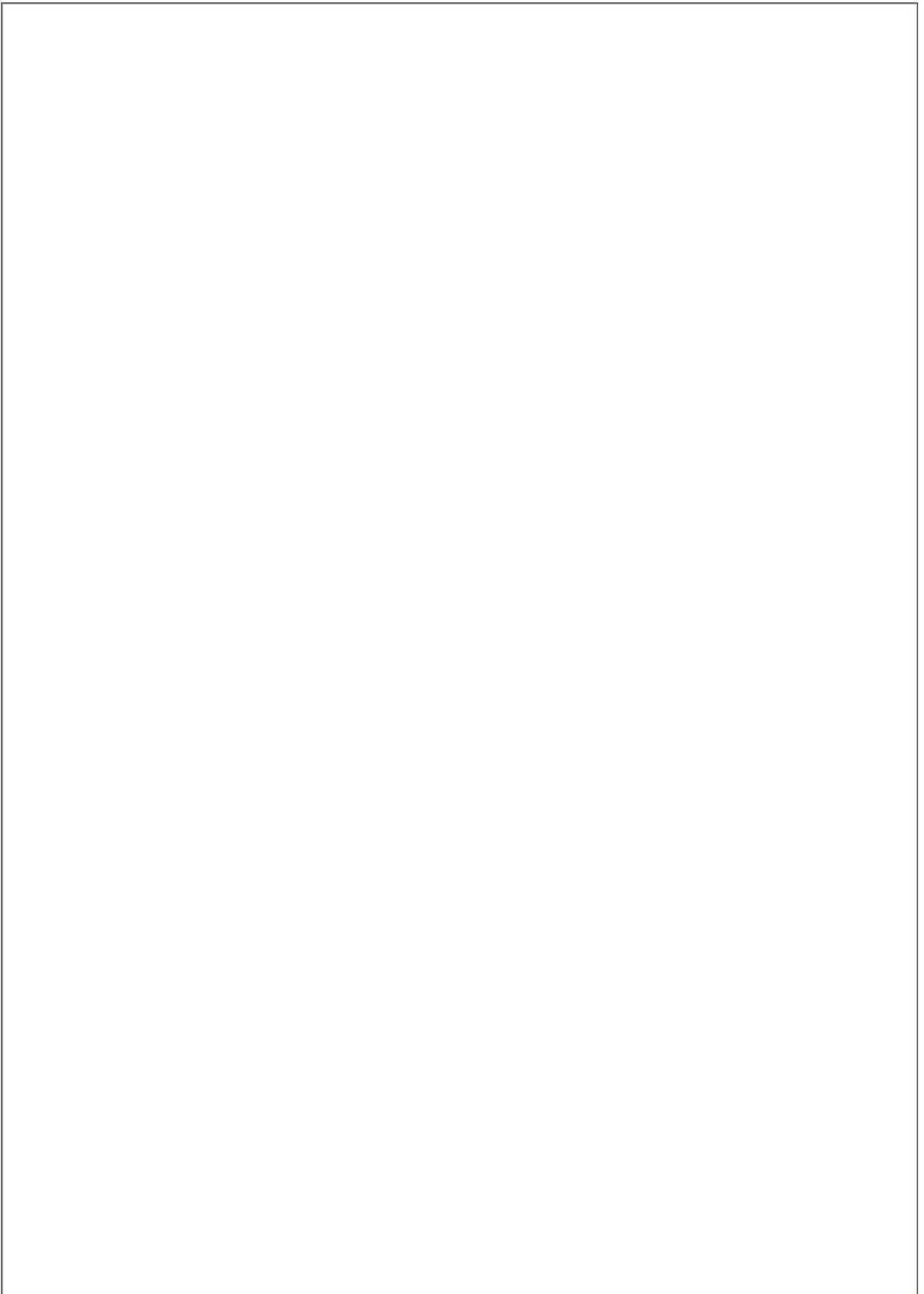
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**INTERNSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES (Max characters 1500 )**

The intern will be responsible for reviewing the DPR specifications, monitoring tree protection in the field, reviewing planting plan material lists, field measurements for tree pruning and removals for emergency contracts associated with Sandy Storm damage & CPI Projects. The intern will learn the processes that DPR utilizes in our contracts, and the integral role that A&H plays in Capital Projects. The intern will be assisting the office of A&H and Specifications to update specifications and details.

**QUALIFICATIONS/SPECIAL SKILLS/AREA OF STUDY (Max characters 1500 )**

Intern must be studying Landscape Architecture. It would be beneficial if the candidate was interested or had a background in horticulture and specification writing.



**APPLICATION PROCESS (Max characters 700 )**

Please email cover letter and resume to [Leslie.Nusblatt@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:Leslie.Nusblatt@parks.nyc.gov)

**SALARY RANGE**

Unpaid

**Internship may be used to fulfill college credit requirement**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / COMMENTS (Max characters 700 )**

A&H is interested in utilizing one intern at this time. The intern would spend time between A&H and the specifications office.