

JOB OPENING: SEASONAL ASSISTANT GROUNDSKEEPER (PART-TIME)

About the Accokeek Foundation

The Accokeek Foundation is a non-profit, educational organization whose mission is to connect people to history, agriculture, and nature through innovative educational programs and engaging visitor experiences. Founded over sixty years ago to “preserve the view” from George Washington’s Mount Vernon, the Foundation was one of the first land trusts, blazing new trails in preservation through a public/private partnership that led to the creation of Piscataway Park, a nearly 5000-acre national park. Through a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service, the Foundation cares for two hundred acres of the park, while fulfilling its mission. This working landscape includes the National Colonial Farm (demonstrates life of a tobacco planter on the eve of the American Revolution), heritage breed livestock, nature trails, gardens, a fishing pier, and boat dock. In addition, this is the sacred homeland of the Piscataway people, and its significance as an indigenous cultural landscape makes it a key site on several national trails.

Position Overview

The Groundskeeper will be responsible for assisting with managing areas of the site for visitor use, particularly open areas, gardens, picnic facilities, parking lots, and trails, along with providing facilities assistance.

SPECIFIC DUTIES

- Assist in the daily operations of Piscataway Park grounds and facility maintenance and cleaning
- Assist planting and maintenance of small garden plots
- Assist in building, maintenance, and repair
- Prune trees and shrubs and removal of invasive plants
- Coordinate volunteer workdays as necessary related to site maintenance
- Perform other duties as assigned

Professional experience and qualifications:

- Experience in maintaining grounds and/or facilities
- Knowledge of proper care of trees and shrubs and general landscaping
- Carpentry and building skills a plus
- Small engine repair skills a plus
- Familiarity with native plants of the region a plus
- Superior interpersonal and communication skills
- Highly energetic with sound judgment

The Accokeek Foundation conducts background checks in order to insure the safety and well-being of the organization’s staff and visitors.

This position is open until filled. The Accokeek Foundation is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



Cultivating passion for the natural and cultural resources of Piscataway Park...

- Knowledge in the operation of grounds maintenance equipment, such as zero-turn mowers, chainsaws and weed-whackers
- Ability to work in inclement weather conditions.
- Ability to lift a minimum of 50 pounds.
- Ability to comply with workplace guidelines and attendance requirements.
- Valid driver's license, a clean driving record, and reliable transportation

Compensation and Benefits

This is a part-time, seasonal position for 10hrs/week that pays \$11.50/hour. Seasonally, March through October.

To apply: Send a resume and cover letter describing how your experience, skills, and interests make you uniquely qualified for this position by email with the subject line **“Seasonal Groundskeeper”** to info@accokeek.org.

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