



Community Gardens Summer Internship

About Capital Roots and Community Gardens:

Capital Roots is striving to create a more vibrant and equitable food system. We work to reduce the impact of poor nutrition on public health in New York's Capital Region by organizing community gardens, providing healthy food access, offering nutrition and horticulture education for all ages and coordinating urban greening programs in Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady and southern Saratoga Counties. Our mission is to nourish healthy communities by providing access to fresh foods and green space for all.

We are looking for energetic Community Garden interns interested in working mostly autonomously in assigned sets of community gardens from June through August. You won't be entirely on your own though, each intern will have many opportunities to work alongside community gardeners and gardens' staff. Each intern will be responsible for visiting up to 8 gardens weekly, spending approximately 2 hours at each site. In addition, we require each person to work in office for 4 hours weekly. Therefore, interns will commit to 15-20 hours of unpaid service per week for 3 months.

Responsibilities include:

In the Gardens

- General site inspections
- Maintenance of common space and forfeited plots
- Facilitate educational workshops and host work parties
- Compost generation

In the Office

- Correspond with gardeners by phone or email
- Database entry
- Attend staff and weekly program meetings

Qualifications:

- Strong communication skills
- Enjoys working outside
- Reliable transportation

Send cover letter and resume to:

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