

Community Gardens Intern

About Capital Roots:

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.

Position Description:

We are looking for energetic Community Gardens interns to work independently in assigned sets of our 55 community gardens from June through August. While working independently, each intern will have many opportunities to work alongside community gardeners and gardens' staff. The intern will be responsible for visiting up to 7 gardens weekly, spending approximately 2 hours at each site, plus a weekly check-in at the Capital Roots Garden Office. Interns will commit to at least 15 hours of unpaid service per week for at least 2 months.

Responsibilities include:

In the Gardens:

- General site inspections
- Maintenance of common space and forfeited plots
- Assist gardeners as needed
- Facilitate educational workshops
- Compost generation

In the Office:

- Correspond with gardeners by phone or email
- Database entry

Qualifications:

- Strong communication skills
- Enjoys working outside
- Reliable transportation

Compensation:

This internship is unpaid. College credit may be available.

Opportunities for long-term research projects available. Email with project interest.

Send cover letter and resume via email to: Lily Morrighan, Healthy Communities Director

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