

Our Backyard Detroit Champion Position Description

POSITION: Our Backyard Detroit Champion

DESCRIPTION: Green Living Science is seeking Detroit residents to serve as stewards of public parks in their communities. This position will bridge the gap between city departments and public community spaces in 8 parks across Detroit. The park champion will be responsible for facilitating community events, performing waste reduction and anti-litter programming, as well as reporting general maintenance of park spaces as needed. This role requires someone passionate about their community spaces, and the environment and wants to beautify their neighborhoods. The goal of Our Backyard Detroit is to give stewardship to the local community green spaces and provide significant aesthetic, economic, environmental, and social benefits to the City of Detroit.

REPORTING RELATIONSHIP: Director of Community Engagement

ABOUT GREEN LIVING SCIENCE:

Founded in 2011, Green Living Science (GLS) is a Detroit-based non-profit organization focused on providing sustainability education to students, families, and businesses throughout the community. The organization's mission is to help Detroiters deepen their understanding of their impact and reliance on the natural environment. GLS has provided Detroit Public Schools environmental programming since 2012 with science-based lessons and presentations that align with state standards. Our programming includes working in Schools, Businesses, and the Community.

ACTIVITIES + RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Actively participate in monthly meetings to stay informed about program updates, community needs, and collaborative opportunities.
- Engage residents in promoting and increasing participation in the Detroit Curbside Recycling program through targeted education efforts.
- Develop effective marketing and engagement materials for events using tools like Canva and Eventbrite.
- Plan and execute park cleanup events, incorporating waste audits to assess and enhance waste management practices.
- Complete monthly reports on cleanup outcomes and resident engagement levels within the required timeframe.
- Actively empower residents to take part in community betterment by promoting and instilling a sense of park stewardship.
- Conduct targeted outreach and education efforts to promote the park stewardship program and involve the community in volunteer opportunities.
- Proactively call and report any issues related to park cleanup to the appropriate city department, addressing concerns promptly.

- Address community concerns regarding park maintenance and collaborate with city departments to find effective and sustainable solutions.

SKILLS + EXPERIENCE REQUIRED:

- Live in the district of one of the program's target parks:
 - District 1: Peterson Playfield
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 - District 2: Sawyer Playground
 - District 3: Krainz Park
 - District 4: Skinner Park
 - District 5: McDuffy Park
 - District 6: Dingeman Park
 - District 7: Mansfield-Diversey Park
- Demonstrate a sense of responsibility and self-motivation in carrying out park stewardship duties and responsibilities.
- Ensure reliable access to phone and email for effective communication and coordination.
- Possess proficiency using or willing to learn to use cloud-based collaborative tools, such as Google Suite, Canva, Eventbrite, and more.
- Honor and respect for the community we serve.
- Demonstrated expertise in building relationships.
- Exhibit a genuine passion for raising awareness about environmental issues through educational initiatives within the community.
- Experience coordinating and leading volunteer events and managing volunteers.
- Knowledge of park management principles, natural resource conservation, and environmental education
- Excellent communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office and experience with social media platforms.
- Must be willing to work some weekends and evenings.

COMPENSATION

Ambassadors are hired for an 8-month contract and will be paid a monthly stipend of \$500 for completing program requirements each month.

HOW TO APPLY

We welcome a diverse pool of applicants. Interested candidates must apply by visiting our website OurBackyardDetroit.org.

Green Living Science is an Equal Opportunity Employer; women, people of color, persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ people are strongly encouraged to apply. Green Living Science is a 501c3 organization.