



BATTERY URBAN FARM
ASSISTANT FARM MANAGER, SEASONAL FULL-TIME (MAR.–OCT.)

The Battery Conservancy is seeking an enthusiastic individual with significant farming experience to assist in managing the Battery Urban Farm in Battery Park, Manhattan.

The Battery Urban Farm, located at the tip of Manhattan, is the first farm on this site since the Dutch planted theirs in 1625. This one-acre farm is engaging elementary, middle, and high school students, as well as local community groups and individuals, in a hands-on experience of organic farming. Our vegetables, herbs, and cut flowers are sold at our farm stand and donated to our schools and local food pantries.

We are seeking a passionate, creative, and industrious individual to join the Battery Urban Farm staff as the Assistant Farm Manager. The position will report directly to the Farm Manager and will be responsible for a wide variety of urban farming tasks. Applicants should have at least one full season of farming experience and should be comfortable in public speaking and leadership roles.

The Battery Conservancy is a nonprofit organization dedicated to revitalizing the 25 acres of public parkland located at the tip of Manhattan. The Battery is at the forefront of sustainable urban park planning and organic horticulture. 2012 is the Battery Urban Farm's second year.

Responsibilities:

- Participate in all aspects of vegetable production: planning, planting, managing, harvesting, weed and pest control, irrigation, compost
- Help facilitate visits from local school children
- Help run the Farm Stand
- Organize and oversee farm interns and volunteers
- Oversee interns in Farm Manager's absence
- Answer questions and explain the project to the public
- Full Season commitment required, including some Saturdays

Qualifications:

- Minimum one full season farming experience
- Ability to lift up to 40 lbs. comfortably and to generally handle physically strenuous, repetitious tasks in a variety of weather conditions
- Ability to take initiative and make executive decisions related to all aspects of vegetable production
- Manage work hours effectively with experience supervising others
- Strong communication and organizational skills
- A passion for horticulture and urban farming
- The following additional skills are also appreciated: illustration, carpentry, web-design/graphic design, experience in education and non-profit work

Please send a cover letter and resume to Camilla Hammer at chammer@thebattery.org. The letter should include details of your availability, as well as details about your relevant experience. This position is paid and comes with a monthly MetroCard. All farm workers are given access to all the vegetables and herbs they can eat.