

Job Title:Forestry TechnicianDepartment:Urban Land ManagementWork Location:Hermann Park, Houston, TXFull-time/Part-time:Part-time, HourlyEffective Date:2024

Reports to Diane Kerr, Director of Grounds and Natural Areas

Primary Focus:

Hermann Park Conservancy is a citizens' organization dedicated to the stewardship and improvement of Hermann Park—today and for generations to come.

Job Description

The Forestry Technician supports to the Conservancy's goals of stewardship and conservation by working in coordination with Conservancy staff and the Director of Grounds and Natural Areas.

Primary Areas of Responsibility (included but not limited to)

- Participation in the overall care and maintenance of trees throughout the Park
- Assist with planting, mulching and watering trees
- Ability to climb ladders for tree limb pruning within six months of hiring and follow safety protocols
- Promote healthy ecosystems by removing invasive species, mitigating erosion and improving soil health
- Remove trash and tree debris from designated areas
- Shovel, load, transport and spread bulk materials as mulch or soil
- Utilize GPS equipment to supplement, update, and expand HPC's inventory of trees
- Use hand tools and operate battery equipment including but not limited to golf carts, sprayers, and saws
- Assist with leading volunteers or community service crews
- Effectively work in group settings or independently with minimal supervision; participate in group and special projects as required
- Clean and secure all equipment at the end of the day; notify supervisor of any tool or supply needs
- Comply with all HPC rules, policies and procedures, and the requirements of the job description
- Ensure all mishaps, injuries, and incidents are reported immediately and in writing to a manager
- Contribute to a team effort
- Other duties as assigned

Skills and Qualifications

- High School diploma or GED and three (3) years related experience.
- Knowledge of arboriculture, conservation, park maintenance or landscape techniques.
- Basic computer skills including use of Microsoft Office and Microsoft Excel.
- Must possess a valid Texas Driver's license with a current clean record, able to work legally in the United States.
- Must be able to pass a criminal background check and drug test.

Working Conditions

• Required to work at a public park with a high degree of public interaction.

- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Required to perform work outdoors, occasionally in adverse weather conditions.
- Ability to prioritize work functions and meet deadlines in a fast-paced environment.
- Required to perform manual labor, including lifting supplies and materials up to 40 lbs.
- Must be able to bend, squat, kneel, stand, and walk for extended periods of time.
- Ability to operate power equipment throughout the day.
- Must conform to Hermann Park Conservancy dress and grooming standards, work rules, and safety procedures.
- Able to work flexible hours as needed, including weekends and Holidays.

Compensation and Hours

- \$15 hourly (depending on experience/skill level)
- 20-24 hours per week, 3 days per week
- Matching 403b program
- Includes some holidays and special Park events

How to Apply

E-mail job application, cover letter and resume to:

Hermann Park Conservancy Attn: Diane Kerr 1700 Hermann Drive Houston, TX 77004 E-mail: <u>employment@hermannpark.org</u>