

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 who is passionate about their community spaces, 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:

- Attend monthly Our Backyard Detroit meetings.
- Provide public space recycling education, when applicable.
- Educate and sign up residents for curbside recycling in Detroit.
- Organize and host four park cleanup events during summer months.
- Provide monthly reports on cleanup and resident engagement.
- Engage neighbors and local residents in park cleanup and anti-litter programming.
- Perform recycling contamination inspections and waste audits.
- Monitor recycling and trash bins in designated parks.
- Call and report issues with park cleanup to the appropriate city department.
- Be a positive role model for your neighbors and community.
- Exemplify the mission and values of GLS.

SKILLS + EXPERIENCE REQUIRED:

- Live in the district of one of the program target parks:
 1. Stoepel Park - District 1
 2. Fitzgerald Park - District 2
 3. Jayne Park + Lasky Park - District 3

4. Balduck Park - District 4
5. Maheras Park - District 5
6. Pingree Park - District 5
7. Hedwig Park - District 6
8. Zussman Park - District 7

- Responsible and self motivated.
- Have dependable phone and email access.
- Proficiency and comfort using cloud based collaborative software, such as Google Calendar, GoogleSheets, Google Docs.
- Honor and respect for the community we serve.
- Demonstrated expertise with building relationships.
- Passion for spreading awareness of environmental issues through education

COMPENSATION

Ambassadors are hired for an 8 month contract, and will be paid a monthly stipend of \$400 for completing program requirements each month.

HOW TO APPLY

We welcome a diverse pool of applicants. Interested candidates must

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.