



Horticulturist Niles Park District

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Closing Date: 2025-02-15

Salary: \$50,000-\$60,000

Description:

The Niles Park District is seeking a passionate and skilled Horticulturist to join our team full-time. Under the guidance of the Superintendent of Grounds, the Horticulturist will play a key role in enhancing the beauty and health of the District's parks and facilities by overseeing the design, planting, and maintenance of landscaped areas.

Key Responsibilities

- **Landscape Management:** Plan, coordinate, and execute the planting, care, and maintenance of flower beds, shrubs, and planters across District parks and facilities.
- **Creative Design:** Develop innovative and visually appealing layouts for flower beds and other landscaped areas.
- **Plant Care:** Monitor and manage the health of plants, addressing issues such as weed control, diseases, fungi, and pests.
- **Team Leadership:** Assist the Superintendent in, training, and supervising part-time staff to ensure high-quality work and a positive team environment.
- **Budget Collaboration:** Provide input during the budgeting process and make recommendations for future projects, equipment needs, and schedules.
- **General Maintenance:** Participate in general park upkeep, support special events, and contribute to snow removal efforts during the winter season.

Physical Requirements

- Frequently lift and carry objects weighing up to 50 pounds.
- Perform repetitive tasks such as digging, planting, weeding, and pruning.
- Work outdoors in varying weather conditions, including heat, cold, rain, and snow.
- Stand, bend, kneel, and climb for extended periods.
- Operate and maneuver tools, equipment, and machinery necessary for horticultural and maintenance tasks.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in horticulture or a related field.
- Minimum of three years of experience designing and installing plant beds.
- Strong knowledge of plant identification, maintenance practices, and landscape design.
- Ability to obtain and maintain an Illinois Pesticide Operator's License within six months of hire.

- Valid Illinois driver's license required.
- A team-oriented mindset with excellent organizational and communication skills.

Why Join the Niles Park District?

At the Niles Park District, you'll have the opportunity to make a lasting impact on the community by creating beautiful and welcoming green spaces. We value creativity, collaboration, and a commitment to excellence.

If you're ready to grow your career while helping our parks flourish, we'd love to hear from you!

Salary range: \$50,000-\$60,000/year

Benefits include medical, dental, vision, IMRF pension. To view a complete list of benefits please go to: <https://www.niles-parks.org/employment>

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