



Community Garden Development Fall Internship

2010

Growing Gardens is a human services and youth development organization based in Boulder, Colorado. Growing Gardens' mission is to enrich the lives of Boulder County residents through environmentally sustainable gardening programs that empower people to experience a direct and deep connection with plants, the land and each other.

Growing Gardens currently manages nine community gardens located throughout Boulder County. Our goal is to bring people together and provide the opportunity to grow fresh vegetables on individual plots. Community gardens create healthy and strong communities, enhance neighborhoods and bring families closer to nature. They can help gardeners lower their grocery store bills and increase their vegetable consumption, often learning about new foods along the way. Gardening increases physical activity and teaches valuable life skills such as discipline, patience, leadership and responsibility.

Community Garden Intern Opportunities

This internship will provide hands-on experience in the process of design and construction of a new community garden in Lafayette. The position requires planning skills, creativity as well as an openness to acquiring new skills. Ideal candidates must be flexible, resourceful and willing to perform hard physical labor, Spanish fluency a plus. Must have valid driver's license and own car.

Planning

- Itemizing tasks, their duration and logical order
- Sourcing contractors, volunteers and/or staff to accomplish tasks
- Attend occasional meetings with funding agency

Creativity

- Solving situational problems . . . things don't always go as planned

Knowledge and Skills the Intern May Acquire:

- Project planning
- Project budgeting
- Irrigation design
- Garden design
- Use of Google Sketch-up
- Operation of farm equipment

Structure of Internship

Internship duration is September 8 through end of November 2010

Hours will vary depending on project stage, 5 hours/week minimum, 20 maximum

Intern will be working closely with two Community Garden Staff members

Orientation with all GG interns, Director and additional GG staff

Interns will report at 1 staff meeting

Interns will have the opportunity to shadow all GG staff

Learning Objectives Contract – Developed by second week of internship. This includes: position description, educational objectives, learning activities and skill development.

Evaluation- A midpoint evaluation and end of internship evaluation will include intern self evaluation and supervisor evaluation.

Benefits of Interning with Growing Gardens

- Hands-on experience with development of new community gardens
- Learn what's involved at all stages of opening a new community garden
- Friendly, relaxed non-profit environment
- Good experience; develops marketable skills

This is a fun, but sometimes demanding position. The ideal candidate **MUST** be flexible and reliable in the face of unpredictable weather conditions and diverse volunteer groups. You must enjoy hard work and getting dirty.

To apply:

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