



Urban Farm Manager Position Available Immediately in Metro DC Area

The Organization and Mission: ECO City Farms (or ECO) is dedicated to regenerating urban spaces into productive food oases, and to growing community leaders of the revitalized local food system. We are a 501c3 nonprofit educational urban farm with a mission to “grow great food, farms and farmers” in Prince George’s County, Maryland. ECO is particularly focused on the low-income, low-food access municipalities of Edmonston, Bladensburg, Colmar Manor and Cottage City, collectively known as the Port Towns. We cultivate food at two urban farms using sustainable agricultural and permaculture methods and are Certified Naturally Grown by other sustainable farmers. We employ 8 full-time staff, 8 intern/apprentices, and hundreds of thousands of worms. Urban agriculture is about feeding people and nurturing communities, but also about practicing climate-smart agriculture. ECO promotes food access and food security; encourages healthy eating and active living; and educates the next generation of urban farmers and eaters, while restoring the ecosystem and community viability. In order to transition to a local food system, we constantly adapt our methods and strategies to changing conditions in order to grow the most abundant and healthiest food possible in small urban parcels.

The position: We are currently in search of an experienced production farmer capable of managing a year-round Certified Naturally Grown, organic urban vegetable and microgreens farm. A minimum of three years on-farm experience is required. The position entails crop planning, growing and harvesting vegetables and small fruit, as well as working with apprentices and staff to market through a local CSA, farmers markets, caterers and restaurants, and special events. The applicant must demonstrate experience working with diverse cultures and age groups. We particularly seek candidates interested in developing a thriving and equitable local food system, who possessing the business sense, cultural competence, interpersonal skills and agricultural/horticulture knowledge to support its growth.

Special Job Requirements include:

- Experience developing and maintaining a crop plan and planting schedule, ordering seeds, starting plants in a nursery and in the field, and in creating and using field maps;
- Collaborating with the apprentice and volunteer coordinator(s) to schedule and manage apprentices and volunteers;
- Mentoring experience, and the ability to provide guidance to apprentices, interns, youth and new farmers;
- Capacity to maintain records and perform administrative tasks related to farm production;
- Willing to work flexible hours that change seasonally, including weekends, evenings and extended days as necessary;
- High tolerance for working outdoors in heat, rain and cold;
- Ability to organize, prioritize, and delegate tasks;
- Ability to work independently and with others;
- Strong communication skills and a sense of humor;
- Attending and participating in weekly staff meetings;
- Ability to operate mobile devices, office and farm equipment;
- Familiarity of basic Microsoft Office programs;
- Capable of lifting 50 lbs.;
- A valid driver's license and access to reliable vehicle for transportation;
- A personal cell phone and laptop computer;
- Fluency in a second language, particularly Spanish, a plus.

Salary range is from mid 20's to mid 30's, commensurate with experience and commitment. Position opens on Sept.1, 2016 until filled. Please email an up-to-date resume, a cover letter detailing your experience, and three references ASAP to INFO@ECOCITYFARMS.ORG