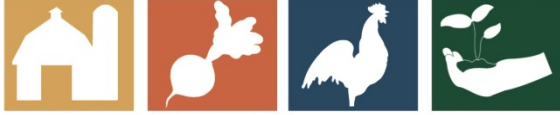


Greener Partners



Connecting communities through food, farms & education

Guild House Farm Manager

Greener Partners (GP) seeks a dynamic, experienced and committed farmer and farm educator to manage and lead education and community programs at Guild House Farm, a partnership with Friends Rehabilitation Program's Guild House West. The Farm Manager is a full-time salaried position with benefits.

The ideal candidate will be an experienced farmer and engaging educator, comfortable with community engagement, and have a passion for working with intergenerational community. Additional skills needed to successfully manage this highly collaborative and visible project include: excellent interpersonal and communication skills, comfort with community outreach in a variety of communities, and a proven track record in sustainable agriculture.

Background

Greener Partners' mission is to create healthy communities through food, farms and education. In addition to the Guild House Farm, we operate a Longview Farm, a 120-acre CSA in Collegeville, and a Wellness Garden at Lankenau Medical Center. The Guild House Farm Manager must have a passion for GP's mission as well as a deep commitment to the Guild House West community and FRP's mission.

Guild House West is a 155-unit apartment building for low-income seniors in Lower North Philadelphia, managed by Friends Rehabilitation Program (FRP). FRP is a Quaker-based non-profit operating affordable housing programs and community development projects throughout Philadelphia. Greener Partners operates Guild House Farm as a community, food, and educational resource. The site's 40 raised vegetable beds, small fruit orchard, resident community garden, and ornamental gardens offer outdoor green space, fresh produce, educational programs, and gardening opportunities to the residents of Guild House West, as well as to volunteer and student groups.

Programs

Based out of Guild House Farm, Greener Partners' SOL (Sustainable, Organic, Local) Food Project is an afterschool and summer program for teens, in partnership with area high schools. Through hands-on education, intergenerational programming, and internship experience, teens learn about food justice, sustainable gardening, and seasonal cooking while building teamwork, leadership, and job skills. SOL Food is proud to be a part of the Get HYPE Philly Initiative, a partnership supporting teen leadership, health literacy, and job readiness in North Philadelphia.

Responsibilities:

Farm Manager:

- Collaborate with GP's Agricultural Director and Education Director to further GP programs
- Improve garden accessibility for GHW's senior residents
- Develop seasonal crop plans
- Manage all aspects of crop production: seeding, maintenance, harvesting, post production
- Coordinate with GHW staff and Food Pantry volunteers to distribute produce effectively
- Maintain accurate records of crop plans, crop yields
- Collaborate with GHW staff and residents to maintain Farm and support GHW community

Farm Educator

- Develop program materials in collaboration with GP's Director of Education, HYPE Initiative partners, and GHW staff
- Serve as the primary educator for programs both in the garden and in various school and community settings
- Lead engaging and inspiring lessons focused on food justice, health, cooking and sustainable urban agriculture
- Collaborate with partners and community members to develop and implement innovative programming on food justice, health, and sustainable urban agriculture
- Ensure lessons meet best practices for garden-based education programs
- Provide supervision to part-time SOL Food educator
- Provide supervision to interns and volunteers
- Support other GP education programs as needed

Assessment:

- Work with Executive Director, Education Director, HYPE partners, and FRP to design and implement assessment strategies and tools
- Gather relevant data for use in measuring program impact and outcomes

Friends Rehabilitation Program Partnership

- Act as a key liaison in growing and sustaining Greener Partners' partnership with FRP and Guild House West
- Coordinate with Guild House West management and staff in planning and scheduling programs
- Collaborate with GHW staff, community members, partner organizations, interns, and residents to develop and implement educational and community programming
- Collaborate with a variety of partners who support Guild House Farm programming

Events and Outreach

- Help plan and execute garden events
- Support outreach efforts about the program and develop community connections

Qualifications:

- Extensive experience with sustainable farming
- Extensive experience developing and leading farm and food-based based education, including cooking and food justice
- A community-minded self-starter who thinks creatively, and can confidently launch new and innovative programming
- Experience supervising staff and a demonstrated ability to organize, manage and motivate others
- Experience with program design and management
- Success working within diverse community settings
- Experience with partnership development and management
- Well-organized, flexible and able to manage multiple projects simultaneously
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Ability to work independently and as a team member
- Clean driving record and access to a car required
- Spanish-speaking a plus
- Knowledge of Philadelphia, especially North Philadelphia, a plus
- Commitment to Greener Partners' mission

This is a full-time, salaried position. Please send resume and cover letter with the position you're interested in to helen.nadel@greenerpartners.org