Stewardship Intern

The LES Ecology Center seeks a college student or recent graduate interested in working outside as a steward of East River Park. This intern will report directly to the Director of Development and work with the Stewardship Coordinator on a regular basis. This is a labor intensive position that requires enthusiasm for the outdoors and love for gardening and plant life. This position is based out of the LES Ecology Center’s Fire Boat House location in East River Park.

Applicants must be committed to environmental issues and building alliances across different constituencies. The right candidate loves flora and fauna but also must enjoy working with people. In 2017, the Ecology Center welcomed 5,000 volunteers to help steward East River Park. This is an exciting opportunity for someone who enjoys working directly with program participants and is eager to educate the public in pursuit of a more sustainable NYC!

About Us
The LES Ecology Center (Ecology Center) has been pioneering community-based models in urban sustainability since 1987. We provide unique e-waste and composting services, environmental stewardship opportunities, and educational programming to all New Yorkers who want to learn about environmental issues and take responsibility for creating solutions through action.

Role & Responsibilities
This position offers an opportunity to work as part of a dynamic team and is best suited to someone who is an organized, strong collaborator that is able to work in a variety of environments and with different groups of people. Interns will be expected to commit to 20 hours per week and must be available on weekends. Term begins April and ends in August 2019. Stipend is available upon completion of internship term. Job responsibilities include:

- Provide administrative support to the Stewardship Coordinator
- Welcome and manage schedule of volunteers in East River Park
- Lead volunteers through stewardship work, which includes training volunteers on plant identification, how to properly use gardening tools, and working alongside them during activity
- Assist with all stewardship related activities, which include watering, weeding, pruning, planting, removing litter, digging, distributing soil, pushing wheelbarrows, among other gardening activities.
- Assist with organization events and tabling at various venues
- Take photos of organization activities and post on social media
- Be a loving steward of East River Park
- Perform other related duties as assigned

To Apply: Please email cover letter and résumé to Kayla Donley at kayla@lesecologycenter.org We will accept applications on a rolling basis. No phone calls.