



Park Designer

Job Description

Park Pride is seeking a motivated and creative designer to engage community groups, government agencies, and non-profit partners to plan and execute capital improvements in parks within Park Pride's service area. This position reports to the Director of Park Visioning and requires excellent communication skills, including the creation of descriptive and compelling graphics (maps, plans, documents, websites) as well as clear written and verbal communication to a variety of audiences. Primary responsibilities will include creating two long-term vision plans each year in partnership with local Friends of Park (FoP) groups, coordinating an annual park design workshop, and leading smaller design consultations with FoP groups as needed.

The salary range for this position is \$50,000 - \$60,000 commensurate with experience. Park Pride offers a competitive benefits package including paid leave, medical, dental, and retirement. The successful candidate will join the organization during significant expansion and increased organizational impact. Park Pride offers a hybrid work environment that balances remote work opportunities with time spent in the office. Candidates must be local to Metro Atlanta and be able to attend events in our service area.

Responsibilities

This is a full-time position with additional weekend and evening hours as needed. Time in the field, outside of a typical work-from-home or office environment, will be required for site visits, project prep and execution, events, and meetings. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Park Vision Plans

- Plan and develop project ideas based on community input, budget, site conditions, accepted best practices, and applicable laws & regulations
- Preparation and facilitation of public and stakeholder meetings
- Document and analyze existing site conditions, including historical research
- Create materials such as base maps, conceptual drawings, and written descriptions to illustrate design ideas
- Build relationships and trust with community members and government partners
- Create and organize records of the public engagement process and their results
- Draft and edit text and layout of vision plan reports

Other duties

- Coordinate an annual park design workshop in partnership with FoP groups and volunteer designers
- Identify and share external resources with community groups
- Conduct site visits for groups interested in capital improvements
- Team meetings, professional development, internal & external committees, and conference support
- Other duties as assigned

Preferred Qualifications

- Bachelor's or Master's degree in landscape architecture, engineering, or related field
- Two to five years of relevant work experience
- Demonstrated ability with hand graphics, illustration, and digital graphic design
- Working proficiency with MS Office software (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Adobe Creative Cloud (InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, Acrobat), and ArcGIS
- Familiarity with schedule and budget management practices
- Experience reading and interpreting construction documentation, codes, and contracts
- Comfort working outdoors in all-weather on uneven ground and in overgrown forested areas, walking long distances, loading/unloading, and ability to lift up to 50 lbs
- Self-directed, with the ability to work both independently and collaboratively
- Knowledge of current issues in Atlanta, such as planning, parks, housing, and equity a plus
- Excellent communication skills, including written, graphic, interpersonal, and public presentations
- Humility, respect, diplomacy, and an earnest desire to understand and genuinely represent the communities we serve

Organizational Background

Park Pride is an Atlanta-based nonprofit founded in 1989 with a mission to engage communities to activate the power of parks. Park Pride is working in Atlanta's parks ecosystem at every level—by improving neighborhood parks, creating community parks advocates, and connecting grassroots leaders, funders, and government partners—so that all Atlantans can have access to a great park. Whether it is through the Friends of the Park, Visioning, Grantmaking, Fiscal Sponsor, Community Gardens, or Volunteer programs, our services work in concert to catalyze engagement, education, and empowerment that leads to more local park advocacy, community stewardship, and, ultimately, quality, active park spaces that meet the community's needs.

Application Information

Please submit a resume, portfolio (link to an online portfolio is fine), and cover letter to hr@parkpride.org and put “Park Designer” in the subject line of the email. No phone calls or in person visits please. After the application deadline, you will receive communication about next steps in the process.

Application deadline is Friday, November 10, 2023.

Park Pride is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to diversity and inclusion in the workplace. We actively welcome and encourage diverse candidates to apply.

To learn more about Park Pride, visit www.parkpride.org.