



Dune Restoration - Maintenance Crew Leader

Rockaway Initiative for Sustainability & Equity (RISE) is a community-based organization in Far Rockaway, Queens, New York, that provides enriching youth and community programming to instill individual and civil respect for nature and contributes to advancing social equity and the physical well-being of the Rockaway community.

RISE is looking to hire (2-3) part-time, Maintenance Crew Leaders to provide support in implementing the Greater Rockaway Coastal Resilience Plan, a long-term, community-centered dune restoration project along the Rockaway Peninsula. Positions will begin at **20-25 hours per week**, at **\$24/hour**.

Maintenance Crew Leaders will be involved in many aspects of the restoration project, including:

- Leading and supervising a group of 5-6 crew members
- Implementing dune restoration project plans in collaboration with project managers
- Monitoring, recording and communicating with the RISE staff members about restoration work progress
- Watering new native plantings until establishment
- Removal of invasive species
- Removal of trash and litter from restoration areas
- Working with youth and volunteer groups to carry out restoration tasks, as needed

The ideal candidate:

- Lives in, or has a connection to, the Rockaway Peninsula
- Has a background in ecological or environmental restoration projects
- Knowledge of native and invasive plant species, as well as habitat restoration techniques
- Is eager to learn about dune restoration and has an interest in native plants of the Northeast coastal ecosystem
- Is enthusiastic about working outdoors in a variety of weather conditions
- Can work independently or in a team
- Is able to perform heavy physical labor on a regular basis; is able to lift and carry 50 lbs

This position will begin on the **week of March 25, 2024** and end on **October 31, 2024**. A two-week extension is possible (until November 15, 2024), depending on the weather. We require our crew members to attend our public community plantings which are listed below. These events typically take place in the morning and are completed by 2pm.

- Saturday, April 6th
- Saturday, April 13th
- Friday, April 19th
- Saturday, October 12th

To apply, please send a brief cover letter, **with details of your availability**, and resume to Juvie Anne Alfeche at jalfeche@riserockaway.org and cc adanieu@riserockaway.org with the subject “Dune Restoration Maintenance Crew Leader Position” in the subject by **March 1st**.