Dune Restoration - Maintenance Crew Member

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, seasonal crew members to provide support in implementing the Greater Rockaway Community and Shoreline Enhancement Plan, a long-term, community-centered dune restoration project along the Rockaway Peninsula. Positions will begin at 10-15 hours per week, at $18/hour, with the potential for additional hours as the season progresses.

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

- Watering new native plantings until establishment
- Removal of invasive species
- Removal of trash and litter from restoration areas
- Monitoring new native plantings
- 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
- 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, including heat, rain or cold
- 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

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