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 (5-6) part-time, seasonal crew members 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 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

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 Alfche at jalfeche@riserockaway.org and cc adanieu@riserockaway.org with the subject “Dune Restoration Maintenance Crew Position” in the subject by March 1st.