



# Seasonal Gardener

Temporary Position

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## Overview

Jersey Cares\*, in partnership with Essex County Parks Department, is seeking a highly energetic **Seasonal Gardener** interested in caring for Essex County Branch Brook Park. The employer specifically is Essex County. This temporary, seasonal position provides opportunities to learn about horticultural work, plant selection, garden design, and developing workforce skills. Learn more about Jersey Cares at [www.jerseycares.org](http://www.jerseycares.org).

## Responsibilities

Responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- Mulch, edge, cultivate, and the removal of invasive species, weeds, and dead plants
- Prune and trim trees, shrubs, and plants
- Installation, monitor, and maintenance of trees, shrubs, and perennials
- Monitor and maintain park grounds to ensure a pleasant appearance
- Working with and leading volunteers in support of stewardship tasks

## Physical Demands

The candidate must be able to handle physical demands such as ...

- Lift up to 50 lbs. to waist height
- Work outdoors for 6-8 hours on your feet in a variety of weather conditions
- Handle shovels, rakes, pruners, handsaws, and other tools in a safe manner

## Preferred Requirements

- Prior experience landscaping
- Working with volunteers
- Strong interest in horticulture, public parks, landscape design, and environmental issues
- Must be willing to undergo a criminal history background verification

## Compensation

This position is temporary, funded by the **Essex County Parks Department**, and begins on **April 5, 2021** and ends on **October 31, 2021**.

- \$12.00 per hour
- Part time
- Workdays are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each week
- Possible **shift times** are between **6 am** and **7 pm**

## How to Apply

- Submit a **cover letter** and **resume** by email to the attention of Summer Sprofera, Director of Landscape Management, Care of the Park powered by Jersey Cares at the following email: ([summer@jerseycares.org](mailto:summer@jerseycares.org)).
- The cover letter should address the physical demands and how you can contribute to our team, as well as availability.



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## **\*About Jersey Cares**

Jersey Cares works to meet community needs by encouraging civic engagement. With local service agencies, corporations, and civic-minded individuals as our partners, we link volunteers with meaningful service projects to improve and enhance our communities. Jersey Cares is a nonprofit, community-based organization established in 1993. We provide individuals, families, and corporate and community groups with a wide variety of volunteer opportunities. Jersey Cares partners with hundreds of nonprofit agencies to provide service projects that range from tutoring children to caring for parks and open space. Jersey Cares is an affiliate of Points of Light, an innovative alliance of volunteer catalysts throughout the world.

In 2017, we developed a strategic partnership with Branch Brook Park Alliance to build upon their legacy to care for Branch Brook Park. Today, in 2021 Care of the Park is a growing conservancy that is powered by Jersey Cares.