



Buffalo Bayou Partnership

Position Announcement:

Waterway Maintenance Technician

Reports to: Director of Waterway Maintenance
Classification: Full-Time, Non-exempt
Office Location: 3535 Fox Street, Houston, TX 77003

Buffalo Bayou Partnership

Established in 1986, Buffalo Bayou Partnership (BBP) is the non-profit organization creating and stewarding welcoming parks, trails, and unique spaces, connecting Houstonians with the city's most significant natural waterway. The organization's focus is the 10-mile stretch of the bayou that flows from Shepherd Drive, through the heart of downtown and the East End, and on to the Port of Houston Turning Basin. In addition to spearheading award-winning green spaces such as Buffalo Bayou Park, BBP also operates comprehensive green space and waterway maintenance programs and engages tens of thousands of visitors each year through dynamic programming, public art, volunteer events, and recreational opportunities that enrich the quality of life in Houston.

Position Summary

Reporting directly to the Director of Waterway Maintenance, the Waterway Maintenance Technician assists in maintaining the cleanliness, safety, and environmental health of Buffalo Bayou by removing trash, debris, and other obstacles from the waterway. Working as part of a dedicated six-member crew, this position works aboard the Bayou-Vac, a custom and patent-designed vessel, work boats, and other watercraft, as well as on land along the bayou's banks. Volunteers and court-assigned community service workers also work alongside the waterway maintenance crew. Working outdoors in all weather conditions, the Waterway Maintenance Technician plays a vital role in BBP's environmental stewardship mission.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Remove floating trash, debris, and vegetation from Buffalo Bayou using the Bayou-Vac, work boats, and manual tools
- Operate and assist with the safe operation of the Bayou-Vac and other watercraft, collecting, sorting, and properly disposing of debris
- Assist with launching, docking, fueling, and cleaning the watercraft and related equipment
- Assist with keeping accurate records of debris collected, work performed, and equipment maintained
- Assist in supervising volunteers and court-assigned community service workers
- Respond to storm-related cleanup efforts and emergency situations

Qualifications

- High School Diploma or GED
- Experience working outdoors in maintenance, landscaping, marine operations, construction, or related work
- Experience operating boats or working around waterways highly desirable
- Valid Texas driver's license (current and in good standing)
- Eligibility to obtain a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) required
- Working knowledge of occupational safety practices and equipment operation

Abilities

- Ability to swim required
- Work in various weather conditions and perform physically demanding tasks for extended periods of time
- Work and communicate respectfully with a diverse group of people, including fellow crew members, volunteers, and community service workers
- Dependable, punctual, and committed to a high-quality performance
- Lift, carry, pull, and push a minimum of 50 pounds

Salary and Benefits

Buffalo Bayou Partnership offers a competitive salary and excellent benefits.

BBP is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

To Apply:

Please submit resume and cover letter via email to:

jobs@buffalobayou.org

Subject line: Waterway Maintenance Technician

No phone calls please.