



Climate Resiliency & Sustainability Intern

CNP was founded in 1988 as to serve the unique role of a local community development funding and support intermediary for community development corporations (CDCs), and it is a vital partner to Cleveland's community revitalization efforts. Near the end of 2021, CNP completed a strategic plan that refocused its efforts on the health of CDCs. The new mission is to *foster the equitable revitalization of neighborhoods throughout Cleveland by strengthening the community development ecosystem.*

Purpose

The Climate Resiliency & Sustainability Intern will support several sustainability initiatives managed by CNP.

GardenWalk Cleveland, now in its 12th year, is an all-volunteer non-profit organization whose mission is to “nurture community, beautify neighborhoods, and encourage civic pride throughout Cleveland.” Each year GardenWalk recruits neighborhoods and gardeners to participate in a free self-guided weekend tour of private gardens, community gardens, and home orchards in designated neighborhoods. In 2021 nine neighborhoods and over 250 gardens participated, with more than 1,000 visitors from around the region and beyond.

The Intern will also work on other sustainability projects supported and led by CNP, especially Circular Cleveland, a program with the City of Cleveland, that aims to minimize waste and reduce pollution by managing resources locally and efficiently. Circular Cleveland is developing a roadmap for implementation. It works with institutional and business stakeholders, ambassadors from the community, and is supported by Neighborhood Connections for grants.

The Intern will primarily work on GardenWalk between June and July of 2022 and work closely with the Manager of GardenWalk and the CNP Manager of Climate Resiliency and Sustainability.

Key Responsibilities

- Support GardenWalk Cleveland in the implementation of their annual event:
 - Provide logistics and promotion assistance for GardenWalk Cleveland event on July 9th and 10th
 - Plan, and facilitate community engagement with CDCs, neighborhood partners, and residents
 - Assist garden leaders in the development and implementation of neighborhood specific projects
 - Provide technical assistance to garden leaders and gardeners whose computer skills are limited
 - Attend bi-weekly and/or monthly planning meetings, currently remotely on Mondays from 6-8pm
- Support the development of the Circular Cleveland program:
 - Plan, coordinate, and facilitate events planned and hosted by Circular Cleveland Ambassadors
 - Attend weekend or evening meetings (one per week) to provide support to Ambassadors
 - Connect and coordinate between emerging working groups, Ambassadors, and partners
 - Provide research support and documentation for Circular Cleveland focus areas
 - Create digital repository for sustainability business projects

Preferred Qualifications

- A strong commitment to urban neighborhoods, equity, and inclusion; interest in gardening or greenspace
- Strong interpersonal skills; strong verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to work both independently and creatively
- Proficient with Microsoft Office, Google Docs, Google Maps; MailChimp and/or WordPress a plus

Working Conditions

Part time work (20-30 hours) in requiring in-person presence and allowing for virtual operations. Requires occasional travel to off-site meetings, seminars or special events. Hourly compensation of \$15 per hour.

Apply

Please send a cover letter and resume to careers@clevelandnp.org.