

## **Earn Credit with Downtown Greens' Horticulture Internship**

Downtown Greens is a nonprofit founded in 1995 in downtown Fredericksburg with a mission to foster community involvement and growth by protecting and nurturing urban greenspace through collaborative environmental stewardship and experiential education.

**Position:** Horticulture Intern

### **Internship Description:**

This internship is designed to give interested college students and recent graduates an immersive experience working on the garden team of a local nonprofit organization, Downtown Greens. It provides practical experience in a hands-on setting and gives participants the chance to develop skills needed for a career in gardening and garden coordinating, such as for botanical gardens or parks.

The Horticulture Intern will gain experience with all aspects of garden coordinating: identifying plants, potting seedlings and cuttings, assisting with volunteer garden hours, landscaping and other physical work, developing maps of garden beds, and maintenance of non-planted areas and lawns.

### **Responsibilities could include:**

- Perform various landscape maintenance including weeding, mulching, edging, raking, and watering planted areas as needed
- Plant seeds, shrubs, and flowers in designated areas
- Assist with coordination of volunteers
- Assist with native and invasive plant identification
- Assist with development of garden bed maps
- Prune and trim plants as needed; clear brush
- On-the-job training and shadowing with Garden Coordinator

### **Preferred Qualifications**

- Must enjoy and have enthusiasm for working outdoors.
- Experience working in outdoor gardening and plant care.
- Knowledge of native and ornamental plant materials, intermediate plant identification and gardening skills.
- Considerable ability to communicate clearly and effectively with the public and staff members, with ability to prepare and present accurate reports.
- Ability to perform manual labor in a variety of weather conditions.
- Experience in Horticulture, Botany, Ecology, or Environmental Science is a plus.

**Location and Hours:**

Position will be located at the Downtown Greens garden space in Fredericksburg, VA with possibility for occasional remote work as well.

- Plant identification confirmation, map making, and research can occur in the office space or remotely.
- Hours will vary depending on the individual's schedule, availability, and how many college credits they seek, if any.

**To apply:** Email resume and cover letter to [gardens@downtowngreens.org](mailto:gardens@downtowngreens.org). Visit [www.downtowngreens.org](http://www.downtowngreens.org) for additional information.