Organization Name: Grant Park Conservancy

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Organization’s Mission Statement: To preserve, promote and enhance historic LP Grant Park, the oldest public green space in the Atlanta parks system.

Summary of organization’s primary programs and services:

1. **Re-forestation.** The Conservancy actively seeks partnerships and support to restore Grant Park’s forest which is in decline due to age, urban stress and prolonged drought. In 2010, 61 trees were added to the park and another 100 are anticipated in 2011.

2. **Facility Improvement:** The Conservancy is currently working with the city and private donors to re-build the park’s single public restroom.

3. **Volunteer Work Days.** The Conservancy works with local businesses, universities and volunteer organizations to organize work days in the park which enable Atlanta’s citizens to give back to the community, enjoy the great outdoors, and enhance Grant Park through a variety of planting, maintenance and clean-up projects.

4. **Summer Shade Festival and Corks and Forks.** The Conservancy sponsors an annual arts, music and food festival in August. It is our largest fundraising and friend-raising event of the year and is attended by guests from throughout the Southeast.
5. **Christmas Tree Recycling.** The Conservancy accepts discarded Christmas trees each January which are used to control erosion and provide habitat for small wildlife in the park.

**Intern’s title:** Park Improvements Intern

**Number of interns requested by this organization?** 1

**Internship project/job description:**
The Grant Park Conservancy seeks an intern to inventory, map, document, and prioritize the location and condition of improvements opportunities in the Grant Park. These include landscape features, facilities and forest. The intern may also have the opportunity to make recommendations for improving existing landscape in a way that is appropriate to the park’s Olmsted tradition. In addition to park improvements, the intern will map and document landscape and historic features of interest in the park, and develop ways of making this information available and interesting to the public (e.g., brochure, interactive features on Conservancy web site, etc).

**Qualifications:**
The successful candidate will have expertise in landscape design (e.g., a landscape design/landscape architecture major or minor) and be able to work independently with minimal scientific oversight (although limited supervision by a landscape designer will be available). Proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite—Word, Excel, PowerPoint; strong organization and communication skills; interest in learning the unique challenges and requirements of public green space management.

If there are other requirements for this position, security check, drug screen, immunizations, please note them here: none

**Will the internship require that the student have a car?** The intern will need transportation to the park and meetings with Conservancy staff and board.

**Is placement site accessible by public transit or other transportation options?** Yes; there is a Marta stop at 840 Cherokee Avenue, which is the western boundary of the park.