Organization Name: Park Pride

Address: 233 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 1600, Atlanta, GA 30303

Mailing Address (if different): Same

Phone: 404.546.7963
Fax: 404.546.9422
Web site: www.parkpride.org

Internship Supervisor: Ayanna Williams

Supervisor’s contact information including e-mail. 404.723.3116, Ayanna@parkpride.org

Organization’s Mission Statement:
Park Pride is a nonprofit organization that leads and inspires action for parks and greenspace. Our goals are:
- A clean, safe, accessible public park within walking distance of every resident
- A Parks Department with adequate funding, staffing and political support
- Sufficient parks and greenspace to meet the City of Atlanta and DeKalb County’s recreational and green infrastructure needs.

Summary of organization’s primary programs and services:

The Friends of the Park program is the foundation for Park Pride’s work. A Friend of the Park group is formed as a first step in creating positive long lasting change in a public park. Friends of the Park groups may start as a committee of a civic association or school. An equal number of Friends of the Park groups simply form with the sole purpose of improving a park. While friends of the parks group can be different in terms of size, scope of work and influence there are many commonalities. All successful “Friends
of the Park” groups have the following characteristics; a group of park users (often neighbors & community leaders), actively working to improve one or more parks (usually one), in a defined geographic area (usually a neighborhood).

The volunteer program is also an important component to our success. Corporate, student and community volunteers contribute more than 15,000 hours in City of Atlanta parks annually.

Park Pride also coordinates several Adoption programs. The Adopt a Beltline program matches groups with ¼ mile segments of trail to pick up litter and general beautification. The Adopt a Garden program allows community gardens in City of Atlanta parks and the Adopt a Park program creates contracts with citizens to maintain small parks and traffic islands.

Intern’s title:
Friends of the Park Intern

Number of interns requested for this position? One

Internship project/job description:
The intern will conduct our summer Friends of the Park check-ins with 30-45 community leaders to assess the challenges and opportunities Friends of the Park groups faced in the first half of 2011. The intern will schedule and conduct the interviews in the parks or over the phone. The information will be coded and enter into an excel spreadsheet. The intern will work with the programming staff to create and distribute information sheets that address common concerns. There will be limited opportunities to assist with large volunteer projects with Friends of the Park groups in community parks.

Qualifications:

- A love of parks and enthusiasm for working with community to make tangible improvements in parks
- Experience with customer service on the phone and in person
- Experience communicating with diverse groups of people – good listening skills
- Be able to read a map or have a GPS to find park locations
- Be able to take accurate and thorough notes
• Self starter
• Competent in Microsoft Office, especially Word and Excel

If there are other requirements for this position, security check, drug screen, immunizations, please note them here:

Will the internship require that the student have a car?
Yes a car is required to travel around the city for meetings and park site visits.

Is placement site accessible by public transit or other transportation options?

The student needs access to a car to attend almost daily meetings. The main office is at Marta’s Peachtree Center Station but the student will spend about 75% of their time out of the office.