

# National Park Service

## Landscape Internship Position

### Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts

Wolf Trap is the only National Park dedicated to the live performance arts. The performance season runs from May to September during which time many diverse musical and theater groups perform at the Filene Center and the Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods. Wolf Trap also provides a natural enclave in the midst of an increasingly urbanized northern Virginia. Less than half of Wolf Trap's land is developed, leaving about 65 acres of woodland, streams, and wetland with a wide variety of plants, animals, birds, and wildflowers. Wolf Trap's natural areas add critical green space in a dense suburb, provide refuges for many species, serve as a migration rest stop for wildlife, and serve as a living biology classroom to the adjacent community.

As caretakers of Wolf Trap's natural resources, the National Park Service recognizes its responsibility for preserving these natural resources including; maintaining an ecologically balanced landscape; making greater use of native plants; providing sanctuary for wildlife; reducing our use of fossil fuels; and increasing use of environmentally friendly maintenance techniques.

### Introduction

Wolf Trap National Park is planning to re-landscape the entrance area to the Filene Center amphitheater. This area is extremely visible and one of the most important public areas in the park. The new landscaping will use only native plants and employ environmentally friendly, sustainable maintenance techniques. Also, the Park Service plans to use this new landscape to develop an educational/interpretive experience for our visitors.

**A temporary internship position** has been established within the Maintenance Division at Wolf Trap to assist with the implementation of this project. **This is not a paid position.** The intern will be required to provide their own meals and lodging. This internship position will last for the duration of the project (approximately 3-4 months). Some of the work on this project may be done offsite.

### Responsibilities

The intern will be involved in every phase of this project including: planning, design, installation and maintenance. **The incumbent will have primary responsibility for the design phase of the project.** The intern will be exposed to national level programs and gain skills in a multi-departmental planning process. This project will provide the opportunity to work with different supervisors giving them a broad perspective in landscape design and maintenance. Intern will create graphic plans, material boards, and sketches. Intern will also coordinate with vendors, consultants and other partners to obtain product information and project deliverables, research project-specific materials, costs, and relevant issues.

### Position Requirements

Candidate should be available to work for the duration of the project (approximately 3-4 months). He or she must be currently or recently enrolled in (or graduated from) a college

horticulture, landscape architecture, landscape design program or related field. The park is willing to work with the intern and school to ensure the intern receives school credit for the internship. The ideal candidate will be flexible, able to work with little supervision, be a good communicator and possess interpersonal skills. Background knowledge in native plants, and sustainable landscape methods, and design is a plus. Candidate must be willing to work with a diverse group of volunteers in order to complete project. Candidate must be able to bring a high degree creativity and vision to the project. Candidates within a year of their graduation date will be considered.

If you are interested in this position please contact Wolf Trap's Volunteer Coordinator at 703-255-1893 or [wotr\\_volunteer@nps.gov](mailto:wotr_volunteer@nps.gov) by February 8, 2008.