

## Growing Markets Internship



## Our Mission

The Center for Landscape Design & Stewardship (CLDS) is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. It was founded in 2008 for the purpose of promoting environmental and community sustainability through landscape-based education, demonstration, and public outreach.

## What We Do

The CLDS operates and manages the Butler Township Community Garden, a 1.3-acre plot of land within the municipality's Freedom Park complex, in Drums, Pennsylvania. Here we offer adult and youth education programs, designed gardens for inspiration, demonstration, horticultural study, as well as garden plots for the community to rent. We do this in order to:

- Promote gardening and healthy eating as a way to improve physical and mental health.
- Practice and promote sustainable design concepts and bio-intensive agriculture techniques.
- Promote ecological awareness, education, appreciation for nature, and understanding of natural processes.
- Become a place of learning, discovery, and fun for all members of the Greater Hazleton community.

## About the Garden

The Butler Township "Human Nature" Community Garden was established in the Spring of 2009 within the Township's Freedom Park complex in Drums (415 W. Butler Drive, just behind the Valley East Little League Field). It includes nearly 100 rental plots that are leased for the season by individuals and organizations. It also contains several demonstration gardens (rain, pollinator, and herb), a green roof shelter, a ¼ acre Market Garden, and occasionally a domesticated hive of honeybees and flock of

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chickens. The Market Garden includes cultivated beds as well as two high tunnels (one used for germination and one used for cultivation), and serves as sustainable agriculture incubator for entrepreneurs who grow food and flowers organically, to be sold to the local community through subscription shares and also retail sales at the Downtown Hazleton Farmers Market.

### **Position Description**

The following description outlines the responsibilities and qualifications of the Intern position for the Butler Township Community Garden, a seasonal independent contractor position.

### **Scope of Services**

Working under the direction of the CLDS President and Market Garden Manager, the Intern will be responsible for day-to-day related tasks associated with the overall upkeep and management of the Butler Township Community Garden. The Intern will also provide assistance with market garden operations, to include preparation of the areas to be planted, transplanting, direct seeding/cultivating, weed management, irrigation, pest management, harvesting, post-harvest handling, produce and flower sales at the Downtown Hazleton Farmers Market (optional), record-keeping, and other tasks incidental to community garden management and operations.

### **Time Commitment**

The Intern should be prepared to work approximately 20 hours/week, and agree to provide a proposed weekly schedule to the Market Garden Manager and CLDS President at least one week in advance.

### **Qualifications**

At a minimum, the Intern should have interest in organic gardening, a mature and responsible work ethic with strong organizational and communication skills, be in good health, have physical endurance, enjoy working outdoors, and be able to work independently. Manual labor is required (participants should be able to lift 40 lbs). Candidates should also be able to operate a tiller and a garden tractor (training will be provided), and provide their own transportation to/from the garden.