

Old Brooklyn Tree Steward Position Description

Old Brooklyn is Cleveland's accessible, family-friendly neighborhood where business and people come to grow. It is home to regional assets such as the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, hundreds of small businesses, and over 30,000 people. Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) is dedicated to growing Old Brooklyn through empowered partnerships, leadership, programming, and advocacy.

Program Background: The goal of the Old Brooklyn Reforestation Program is to reforest the Old Brooklyn neighborhood by planting on residential properties and in public parks. It aims to empower residents by providing the knowledge and training they need to properly care for their tree and the trees around them.

Old Brooklyn Tree Steward: Old Brooklyn Tree Stewards will be responsible for providing tree care assistance to their neighbors while advocating for increasing tree canopy in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood. Tree Stewards will be responsible for educating their neighbors about the importance of tree canopy and how we can work together to maintain it. Tree Stewards will also be responsible for a selection of trees at nearby parks; watering, trimming, and making sure the trees are healthy. Each Tree Steward will be trained by tree professionals and current tree stewards.

Main roles and responsibilities include:

- Effectively engage residents primarily through door-to-door canvassing conversations on your block and surrounding blocks
- Connecting residents with tree-related resources available through OBCDC
- Building trust and developing relationships with community residents around neighborhood tree canopy
- Water and trim trees at local parks, assist neighbors who may need maintenance assistance by teaching them the correct methods of tree care
- Meet quarterly with other Old Brooklyn Tree Stewards for program updates, troubleshooting, networking, and idea-sharing.
- Participate in community events to advocate for tree canopy in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood
- Familiarity with tree-related services located in Old Brooklyn and provided by OBCDC

Minimum Qualifications

- Must be an Old Brooklyn resident
- Interpersonal skills- i.e. is friendly, approachable and enjoys interacting with people from a wide range of communities and cultures.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a cohort/collaborative team
- Some weekend and evening work will be required

Essential Functions

This position requires:

- Ability to talk and hear
- Ability to bend, rotate and reach frequently.
- Ability to carry, push/pull and/or lift materials, or supplies, weighing upwards of 30 lbs (buckets of water, trimmers, etc)
- Movement on streets, sidewalks, and driveways
- Physical motion to water and trim trees at local parks and main streets
- Specific vision abilities required by the job include close vision/distance vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

Compensation

- Tree stewards will be paid in the amount of \$12 per hour, about 25 hours per month.

Apply

Interested applicants must fill out an application by visiting <https://rebrand.ly/OB-TreeStewards>.

Once an application is filled out, an OBCDC representative will reach out to schedule an interview. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. This is a part time position.

This is a temporary position lasting one year with the potential for future funding to continue in this role past that timeframe.

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