



Position Opening

**Director of Programs**

*Parks & Trails New York is the leading statewide advocate for New York's parks and trails, providing a voice for park and trail users and supporters with decision makers and the environmental community.*

PTNY seeks an experienced and dynamic director to lead our program work. The ideal candidate will have experience in advocacy, public policy, and program development and management.

**Key Responsibilities**

The Director of Programs is a key member of our team, charged with guiding and managing the organization's wide-ranging programs and directing advocacy efforts. Creativity is a major plus as this person will play a vital role in developing new program directions.

**Tasks and Duties**

- Provide leadership for vigorous advocacy on park and trail issues, including increased funding and improved stewardship
- Organize and galvanize a vocal and effective coalition and broad-based constituency for parks and trails
- Work with communities to expand opportunities for outdoor recreation and active transportation by helping to design and develop, as well as advocate for, multi-use trails
- Promote trail use and foster trail-related tourism and communicate the connection between outdoor tourism and economic development
- Develop and produce print and electronic newsletters, reports, and other publications
- Guide program staff and interns

**Qualifications**

- Minimum B.S. in planning, landscape architecture, natural resource management, public administration, recreation, or related field and at least seven years of related experience
- Ability to work with diverse stakeholders, build consensus, and inspire and motivate communities and constituents to action
- Excellent written and oral communication skills, including meeting facilitation and public presentations
- A self-starter able to work with minimum supervision on multiple assignments and projects and thrive in a collaborative and fast-paced office environment

**Additional Skills/Experience Desired**

- Familiarity with NYS parks and trails and environmental and planning issues
- Experience with state and local government, as well as non-profits
- A passion for outdoor recreation and the environment

**Work Hours:** F/T position based in Albany with some in-state travel and evening and overnight commitments

**Compensation:** Competitive salary and excellent benefits package

**How to Apply:** Submit a resume and cover letter with salary requirements to Director of Programs Search, Parks & Trails New York, 29 Elk Street, Albany, NY 12207, [careers@ptny.org](mailto:careers@ptny.org). The position will remain open until filled.

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