



## Volunteer Opportunity

# GreenUP Ecology Park Garden Market Assistant

*(Several positions available)*

**Location:** GreenUP Ecology Park, 1899 Ashburnham Drive, Peterborough, ON

**Commitment:** ~3-4 hours per week during Garden Market hours (May-Oct)

Shift times: Saturday / Sunday 9:30am-1pm or 1pm-4:30pm, Thursday 12-3:30pm or 3:30-7:30pm

**About GreenUP Ecology Park:** GreenUP Ecology Park is an award winning, five-acre showcase of sustainable landscape ideas and resources. With a host of display gardens and naturalized areas, a native plant nursery, children's programs, garden market, skill-building workshops and hands-on displays. The GreenUP Ecology Park Garden Market is a local source for the best in native plants, trees, and shrubs that are suited to grow here in central Ontario. The Garden Market also offers compost, mulch, mushroom compost, wood chips, composters and more. We also sell fresh produce that is harvested from our demonstration food garden.

**About the position:** We are looking for friendly and outgoing Garden Market Assistants who can work alongside Ecology Park staff to help market visitors with their native plant purchases. This is a multi-faceted position with the ideal volunteer having the following qualifications:

- Must have knowledge of various trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants native to Ontario, and their ideal growing conditions, and complete a practical quiz to confirm knowledge
- Has a high standard of customer service and is able to ring through purchases and complete simple math, make change, handle money
- Capable of set-up and take-down of Garden Market tables, signs, and products; heavy lifting may be required
- Various garden tasks; watering, weeding, organizing pots, creating plant labels, repairing signs, painting, mulching, edging, deadheading
- Assist with shoveling mulch, compost, and woodchips
- Pick and wash produce/herbs for garden market sales
- Able to work in a fast-paced work environment during busy times of the season and stay motivated during the slower times

### About you:

- Friendly and outgoing, radiating positive energy and warmth
- Trustworthy, can take direction, and can work independently and with a small team
- Have experience and knowledge in native trees and shrubs and are eager to share your knowledge with Garden Market shoppers
- Able to commit to a regular volunteer shift during market hours
- Experience in customer service
- Experience and comfort handling cash, completing simple math, and making change
- Eager to support GreenUP's mandate

**Next steps:** Fill out an online volunteer application at [www.greenup.on.ca/support-us/volunteer](http://www.greenup.on.ca/support-us/volunteer) or please contact Karen, our Volunteer Resources Coordinator, at [karen.elcombe@greenup.on.ca](mailto:karen.elcombe@greenup.on.ca) or 705-745-3238 ext. 202.