SAPANA GANDHI

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EDUCATION

New York University

New York, NY

BA, Politics May 2014

Rutgers Cooperative Extension Remote

Green Infrastructure Champion May 2021

WORK EXPERIENCE

Upper Manhattan Forest Kids

New York, NY

Forest Educator and Social Media Content Creator

January 2020 - present

• Lead kids (ages 0-7) through forest-like landscapes, utilizing the Danish Forest School pedagogy

Bluestockings Cooperative

New York, NY

Friend of the Space

January 2020 - present

- Support in-store operations: welcome visitors; manage inventory and receiving; bookbuying
- Lead projects related to fundraising, finance, and community infrastructure (WiFi and waste management)

Friends of the High Line

New York, NY

Operations Data Coordinator

May 2018 - June 2020

- Map a range assets for Facilities, Horticulture, Custodial, and Visitor Services departments; convert CAD files to GIS
- Develop data collection processes for aforementioned departments, and administer the database
- Research and co-develop Key Performance Indicators (KPIs); generate reports to support decision making
- Co-develop the first High Line Management Plan to document best practices and institutional knowledge
- Cultivate research relationship with Green Roof Research Alliance (GRRA), and successfully advocated to have High Line recognized as a green roof

Greene Hill Food Cooperative

Brooklyn, NY

Store Coordinator

May 2017 - June 2018

- Support in-store operations and liaise amongst merchandising, receiving, finance, and governance committees
- Welcome new members and support outreach by developing talking points related to benefits of cooperative system

INTERNSHIPS

Earth Matter

Governors Island, NY

Zero Waste Island Intern

April 2021 - August 2021

• Support processing of 15,000lbs of NYC's organic waste every week and public engagement; vendor relations

The Battery Conservancy

New York, NY

Urban Farm Educator Apprentice

March 2017 - October 2017

• Learn about and maintain urban farm and forest; lead school groups on farm activities; develop lesson plans

Department of Planning and Development

Atlantic City, NJ

Intern to the Director of Planning and Development

- Prepare public facing documents for town hall meetings; present at the meetings; website management
- Work with city clerk to compile data on abandoned properties in the city; analyse clusters and present them to multiple stakeholders

SKILLS

Technical: Geographic Information System (GIS) data management; ArcGIS and QGIS; website development and design (HTML/CSS/JavaScript); documentation and cataloguing

Other: facilitate collective and team work; community outreach and engagement; project development