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### Garden Technician/Data Collection

GST Michigan Works! Is seeking two Garden Technician/Data Collection persons for a work experience position to support urban gardening in Flint, Michigan. This is a one-year work experience opportunity. Approximately 40 hours per week; Monday through Saturday. After the growing season the persons will be transferred to other water emergency related positions.

These individuals will work directly with the *edible flint* Garden Starters work group to support food gardening in the city. *edible flint* is a collaboration formed in July 2009 consisting of individual residents, public and private organizations, and institutions. Its mission is: ***To support Flint residents in growing and accessing healthy food in order to reconnect with the land and each other.***

#### Job Description:

This includes the following tasks:

- Orientation with Garden Starters Coordinator on the process for assessing gardens and soil sample collection.
- Work with Garden Starters Coordinator to develop the schedule for assessing and collection of the soil samples.
- Complete the initial site visit to gardens.
- Collect the soil samples and prepare lab request application.
- Assist with program event(s) preparation and set up.
- Participate in Seed Sorting, Distribution Day and Food Garden Tour events.
- Take training/orientation for garden preparation, general garden health and lead gardening issues.
- Work with *edible flint* partners to assist with connecting gardeners to technical assistance.
- Attend staff meetings and submit work plan updates to Garden Starters Coordinator weekly.

The workers report to the Garden Starters Coordinator at MSUE office for daily supervisory tasks  
Operating lawn of garden hand tools and equipment may be required – walk behind tiller

#### Qualifications:

- Must have a valid Michigan driver's license, have own transportation and insurance.
- High School Diploma or GED required
- Some heavy lifting may be required
- May be required to perform strenuous tasks utilizing strength and coordination; may be required to bend, reach, walk, or stand for extended periods
- May be required to use hand or power tools
- Must be a resident of the City of Flint
- Enjoy outdoor activity.
- Be able to work in a team
- Must be unemployed or part-time employed, with employment history within the last five years.
- Must pass Background / Drug Screening

**SALARY:** \$11 per hour

**Applications Accepted Until Position Filled** Please send letter of inquiry and resume to Ayunna Bentley  
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