

Alerting University Students to Careers in Public Horticulture and Public Gardens[©]

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With more than 600 public gardens in the USA, career opportunities abound in a diverse range of occupations, from groundskeeper/gardener to horticulturist, arborist, pest management specialist, and fund-raisers, education and interpretation, visitor services, publicist, collections management, librarian, and many levels of administration. Public horticulture opportunities are found in managing the design, installation, and maintenance of landscapes in theme parks; hotel, resort, and municipal grounds; shopping malls; convention centers; cemeteries and memorial parks; sports facilities, golf courses, and parks and recreation facilities. University students are often unaware of these career opportunities because their majors do not shine spotlights on them. The poster illustrated a number of sites where interesting careers can be found under the headings Public Gardens, Public Horticulture, and Turf Management.

