

Dune Squad Crew Member

RISE (Rockaway Initiative for Sustainability and Equity) is a community-based organization in Far Rockaway, New York, that provides enriching youth and civic programming to instill individual and civil respect for nature and contributes to advancing social equity and the physical well-being of our vibrant coastal neighborhood in Queens.

RISE is looking to hire a part-time, seasonal **Dune Squad Crew Member** to provide support in implementing “Greater Rockaway” Coastal Resilience Plan, a long-term, community-centered dune restoration project along the Rockaway peninsula. Positions will begin at 15-20 hours per week, \$22 per hour.

Dune Squad Crew Member will be involved in many aspects of the restoration project, including:

- Watering new native plantings until their establishment
- Removal of invasive species
- Disposal of trash and litter from restoration areas
- Attending public community plantings on select weekends
- Monitoring new native plantings
- Working with youth and volunteer groups to carry out restoration tasks, as needed

The ideal candidate:

- Lives in or has a connection to the Rockaway peninsula
- Eager to learn about dune restoration and has an interest in native plants of the Northeast coastal ecosystem
- Enthusiastic about working outdoors in a variety of weather conditions, including heat, rain, and cold
- Work independently or with a team
- Perform heavy physical labor on a regular basis and lift and carry 50 pounds

This position will begin the week of March 16, 2025, and end on November 14, 2025. To apply, please send a brief cover letter, with details of your availability, and résumé to Juvie Anne Alfeche (jalfeche@riserockaway.org) and copy Alana Danieu (adanieu@riserockaway.org), with “Dune Squad Crew Member” in the subject by February 14, 2025.

RISE is an equal opportunity employer and encourages individuals from all backgrounds to apply.