



Job Announcement: Farm Manager

Employment Status: part-time, independent contractor

Timeframe: February 3 - November 27, 2020 (10 months)

Hours: Monday - Friday, 4-7pm (hours may vary slightly based on the season)

Location: Koiner Farm, 737 Easley Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910

About CKC Farming & Koiner Farm: The Charles Koiner Center for Urban Farming (CKC Farming) is a nonprofit land trust established in 2018 to protect and manage urban farms for the purpose of hands-on education that inspires the next generation of sustainable food innovators. CKC Farming's flagship farm is the historic 1-acre Koiner Farm in downtown Silver Spring. Koiner Farm was established in 1983 by Charles Koiner, a lifelong Montgomery County farmer. Today the farm is owned by Charles' daughter Lynn, and operated by CKC Farming. The property is also co-held under easement by CKC Farming and the Maryland Environmental Trust to ensure its preservation and public access in perpetuity.

Jobs Description & Duties: The Farm Manager reports to the Director of Farm Management, who is the farm's certified 'nutrient manager'. The Farm Manager is responsible for creating weekly work-plans in consultation with the Director and based on the farm's 2020 Nutrient Management Plan & Planting Guide. Some tasks can be assigned to a team of interns and volunteers, who are managed by the Director, while others are carried out directly by the Farm Manager (see duties below). Coordination with the market management team is also required for harvesting as well as for sales at the farmstand and at the FRESHFARM farmers' market every Saturday in downtown Silver Spring.

Spring (February – April)

- Manage seed starts
- Kill cover crops and incorporate manure/compost to prepare the soil for spring planting
- Install drip irrigation tape
- Install deer fencing
- Prune fruit trees and shrubs



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Summer & Fall (May – November)

- Manage 3-bin compost system
- Prepare a weekly work-plan
- Plant crops in coordination with the Director & team of interns/volunteers
- Ensure plants are watered adequately and appropriately
- Ensure plants are free from weeds, pests and disease
- Harvest crops in coordination with the Market Manager and team of interns/volunteers
- Help prepare for the 2021 growing season (planning, planting cover crops, soil sampling)

How to Apply: Send your resume and cover letter to CKC Farming's Director of Farm Management, Hannah Sholder (hannah@ckcfarming.org). Please title your email: ***Application-Farm Manager***. Submit materials no later than midnight on **November 8, 2019**.