Every summer, DOEE hires over 45 team members to staff GZEP work sites. GZEP staff can work up to 60 hours per week and are expected to demonstrate the ability to work well with youth, and use their leadership skills to help lead GZEP participants and manage projects. Staff members may work as Program Assistants, Project Monitors, Work Supervisors, or in other capacities commensurate with their experience and training.

GZEP Partners:

GZEP partners with these and other organizations to provide participants with education, and hands-on experience through environmental and community projects across the District. GZEP partners include:

- Student Conservation Association
- Earth Conservation Corps
- Casey Trees
- Anacostia Watershed Society

How to Apply:

1. Visit DOEE’s Green Pathways website:
2. Select Environmental/Green Jobs as your job category.
3. Select Green Zone Environmental Worker.

To become a GZEP Participant this summer? Registration is easy. To learn more about the GZEP application process, visit the Green Zone Program Website.

GZEP Program Structure:

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

- Employment
- Education
- Community Work Projects

EMPLOYMENT

Staff member.

1. Meet with DOEE staff to discuss the Position.
2. Prepare for an interview, dress professionally
3. Prepare your resume. It should demonstrate your
   ability to work well with youth, and use your leader
   ship skills to help lead GZEP participants and manage
   projects. Your resume should be polished and professional.

EDUCATION

1. Learn about renewable energy and the environment. Participants
   will participate in classroom instruction two days per week and are
   exposed to a range of subjects related to energy and the environment.

2. Participate in an introduction to the green economy. Participants
   will participate in field work three days per week and are exposed to
   a range of subjects related to the green economy.

COMMUNITY WORK PROJECTS

Participants will participate in field work three days per week and are exposed to a range of subjects related to the green economy. Participants will learn skills needed to compete for jobs in today’s green economy. Participants will participate in field work three days per week and are exposed to a range of subjects related to the green economy.

GZEP Participants:

- Neighborhood beautification
- Building and maintaining urban farms
- Construction of rain gardens
- Planting and maintenance of trees
- Removal of invasive plants

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The Green Zone Environmental Program (GZEP) is one of the largest summer green jobs training programs for youth and young adults in the nation.

Administered by the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE), the program provides over 300 District youth and young adults, ages 14-24, with training, education, and work experiences in the fields of energy and the environment.

Program participants also take part in community-based work, by assisting neighbors and seniors throughout the District with environmental and beautification projects.

**GZEP PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

**Education and Career Building:**
Throughout the summer, GZEP participants are given the opportunity to learn from the District’s leading experts in the fields of energy and the environment. Participants engage in classroom instruction two days per week and are exposed to a range of subjects from climate change to renewable energy, including solar and wind power. Local nonprofits also provide participants with training on basic job skills and resume writing.

**Environmental & Community Work Projects:**
Every summer, participants hit the ground running to work on a variety of environmental and community projects across the District. Participants spend three days per week working outside on projects that expose them to a variety of experiences and provide an opportunity to learn skills needed to compete for jobs in today’s green economy.

**Sample Projects include:**
- Installation of storm drain markers
- Removal of invasive plants
- Planting and maintenance of trees
- Construction of rain gardens
- Building and maintaining urban farms
- Neighborhood beautification
- Landscape services for seniors
Sample GZEP Partners
GZEP partners with these and other organizations to provide participants with meaningful training and career preparation:
- Anacostia Watershed Society
- Casey Trees
- Earth Conservation Corps
- Metropolitan Police Department
- Student Conservation Association

Each year, applicants have the opportunity to become either a GZEP Participant or a GZEP Staff member.

GZEP Participants:
Participants begin their GZEP experience in late June and receive six weeks of training, education, and hands-on experience through community-based environmental projects. Older participants end their experience with a career day session in early August.

GZEP Staff:
Every summer, DOEE hires over 45 team leaders, supervisors, and program staff to help lead GZEP participants and manage GZEP work sites. GZEP staff can work up to 10 weeks from early June to mid-August.

GZEP staff work directly with GZEP youth and young adults. As such, they are expected to demonstrate the ability to work well with youth, and use their leadership and management skills throughout the summer. To help GZEP staff prepare for their day-to-day responsibilities, DOEE provides staff with a two week orientation to cover important subjects, including team building, safety and crisis management.
GZEP is one of the largest environmental work and training programs for youth in the nation. The program, which operates under the auspices of the District Department of the Environment (DDOE), introduces District youth, ages 14 to 24, to the environmental industry, exposing them to numerous projects and exciting career opportunities through workshops and hands-on training within the city. Additionally, program participants develop basic skills necessary to succeed in the workplace. GZEP youth work on projects based on age and interest. Their work provides an immeasurable sustainable impact to the District of Columbia.

YOUTH WORKERS WILL:
- Clean outside windows
- Mow lawns
- Mulch garden beds
- Prune trees & bushes
- Plant trees
- Edge sidewalks
- Clean up trash
- Rake yards
- Paint steps, rails, and fences
- Trim shrubs

For more information about GZEP, visit: doee.dc.gov/summer
Or Email: green.zone@dc.gov
1200 First Street NE, 5th Fl.
Washington, DC 20002
(202) 535-2600

HOW TO APPLY
Interested in participating in, or working for GZEP this summer? Registration is easy.

To become a GZEP Participant (Ages 14-24 year olds):
1. Visit summerjobs.dc.gov
2. Select Environmental/Green Jobs as your job category.
3. Select Green Zone Environmental Worker.

To become a GZEP Staff Member (Ages 18+):
1. Visit DOEE’s Green Pathways website: doee.dc.gov/greenpathways
2. Read and learn more about the responsibilities of a GZEP Team Leader, Site Manager, Ward Manager, Payroll Assistant and Program Assistant.
3. Apply online.

SAMPLE GZEP WEEKLY WORK SCHEDULE

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