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## **TheDCH to Host Wilmington Green Jobs Youth Participants from July 26-28**

Wilmington, DE – The Delaware Center for Horticulture will be hosting participants in the Green Jobs Program, a coordinated effort by the University of Delaware Water Resources Agency and the City of Wilmington’s Department of Parks and Recreation, from July 26-28. Program participants, ranging in age from 14 to 18 years old, will work with TheDCH staff to maintain gardens at our main facility, harvest produce at the E. D. Robinson Urban Farm at 12<sup>th</sup> & Brandywine, learn about trees throughout the city of Wilmington, cultivate the farm at Point Lookout, and identify and classify different kinds of fruit and vegetables.

“We are so pleased to partner with the Green Jobs Program once again this summer to share our passion for horticulture and the outdoors with the participants,” said Mackenzie Fochs, TheDCH’s Education and Outreach Manager. “Working with the many partners, our hope over the next few days is to instill an appreciation and curiosity of the natural world in our youth participants and have a hand in creating the next generation of environmental stewards right here in Wilmington.”

The Green Jobs Program is a 6-week employment program for city residents that provides participants with hands-on outdoor environmental work, career exploration, environmental education, and youth mentoring. Participants work 25 hours per week and earn minimum wage. Host organizations, including TheDCH, work to ensure the interns leave the experience with a greater understanding of the local environment, how to improve it, and the major impact they have as individuals.

For more information on TheDCH’s Green Jobs Program coordination, please contact Mackenzie Fochs at 302-658-6262 ext. 117.

**[Photo attached.]**

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*The Delaware Center for Horticulture cultivates a greener community, inspiring appreciation and improvement of our environment through horticulture, education, and conservation.*

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