



## ABOUT US

Friends of Brunel Park is dedicated to celebrating the indigenous Lenni-Lenape roots of this land, and the Native people who inspired Emile Brunel's artistic vision. In its new role as a learning center and nature sanctuary, Brunel Park is committed to supporting the legacies and practices of indigenous people, while promoting sustainable horticulture, and providing a home for multidisciplinary artists, scholars, diverse tradition-keepers and cultural workers. Our ongoing focus is maintaining the century-old concrete figurative statuary that are the foundation of this historic national landmark property, conceived and constructed by Emile Brunel between 1929 and 1941. In addition, Friends of Brunel Park is committed to: the management, upkeep, and expansion of the native gardens of Brunel Park; re-introducing the public to the lifeways of the Native American tribes who once lived here through programs, traditional ceremonies, and educational workshops; serving as an arts and cultural resource to the Town of Olive, Ulster County, and the Catskill Park Region through cultural programming and a venue for diverse presenters to showcase their work; supporting BIPOC artists, scholars, and culture bearers through our annual Artist-in-Residence program; partnering with local community and civic organizations for volunteer opportunities at Brunel Park; providing information about the history of the site, including education on the native, pollinator-friendly rare edible plants, shrubs, and vines showcased in the gardens, and encouraging home gardeners and professionals to use them more widely in residential and commercial landscaping projects.

Brunel Park offers a rare opportunity to bridge the region's indigenous past with its present-day visitors and shares a crucial historic perspective for future generations. We integrate the indigenous roots of the Park's land, its inspiration for Emile Brunel's artistic vision, and its revitalized role as a nature sanctuary for arts and learning across the cultural spectrum. Our first few years of programming have proven that, in a tangible sense, the land itself provides every cue we need. We listen and follow its lead. It informs our structural ethos, our program content, and the ways we work together. It teaches us how to weave past, present, and future in one continuous line, by growing relationships with descendants of the first people who walked this land. They, and other like-minded communities, can help us forge the language and principles to nourish Brunel Park for "seven generations", as indigenous folks would say. Such relationships are the cornerstone of everything we do.

We are currently looking for passionate individuals to help us weave together the indigenous roots and history of the land with Emile Brunel's artistic visionary sculpture park, which he created to be a lasting tribute to the Native Americans who once thrived here.

We particularly welcome applications from people with experience that is currently under-represented on our Board including those from Black, Asian, Indigenous people, and minority groups or from the LGBTQIA+ community, those with disabilities or people from different socioeconomic backgrounds.

We also welcome applicants with unconventional work experience, including those who have not been Trustees before. In this recruitment round we are particularly (but not exclusively) interested to hear from people with experience in the following areas:

- [\\*Strategic Planning](#)
- [\\*Educational and Cultural Programming](#)
- [\\*Building Community Relationships, Marketing and Promotion](#)
- [\\*Budgetary Oversight](#)
- [\\*Fundraising](#)
- [\\*Grant Writing](#)
- [\\*Social Media and Website Management](#)
- [\\*Graphic Design](#)
- [\\*Preserving, interpreting, and researching this land and its history](#)

## **THE TRUSTEE ROLE**

Our Trustees hold responsibility for Brunel Park's programs and culture as well as ensuring that it complies with all legal and regulatory requirements. The Board works in consultation with volunteers and beneficiaries to lead on our values, vision and strategic direction. The Friends of Brunel Park is very keen to work towards a more diverse Board of Trustees.

Our Board of Trustees is responsible for ensuring the Friends of Brunel Park have clarity in its vision, values and strategy to support the team in achieving its mission. Trustees act as guardians of the non profit's assets, both tangible and intangible, taking all due care over their security, deployment and proper application, ensuring that the organization's governance is of the highest standard. Trustees provide strategic guidance for Brunel Park, using their skills, backgrounds and contacts to assist us in continuing to sustainably make a real difference.

## **TRUSTEE DUTIES**

- To ensure that the fundamental values and guiding principles of the organization are articulated and reflected throughout the programming with its Trustees, volunteers and beneficiaries, and to safeguard and promote Brunel Park.
- To determine the overall strategic direction and development of the non-profit by agreeing on organizational policies, budgets and objectives, and to ensure targets are set and performance is measured against such targets.
- To ensure the organization complies with its governing documents, relevant legislation and regulatory requirements.
- To exercise overall control of the organization's financial affairs and to ensure that the way in which the no profit is administered is not open to abuse and that the systems of

control are rigorous and constantly maintained through regular evaluation and improvement.

### **OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

- To represent the Board at functions and events, and lead or be a member of committees/panels/groups as they evolve.
- To work collaboratively and towards consensus in making decisions to support the effective operation of the organization and its performance.
- To inspire confidence and build positive relationships with principal stakeholders.

### **TIME COMMITMENT**

As a Trustee with Friends of Brunel Park, it is expected that the time commitment is about 40 hours per year. As a Trustee you will also have the opportunity to lead one of the Board's subcommittees.

The full Board meets annually and subcommittees meet informally throughout the year. Board papers are sent in advance of meetings and Trustees are expected to read and give feedback, as appropriate. In addition, an away day on site is planned to be held once a year to enable strategic planning and review of the organization's activities. We encourage Trustees to attend, along with a guest or family members if they would like, our annual summer event and one other event per year.

### **TO FIND OUT MORE**

For an informal conversation about becoming a Trustee with Friends of Brunel Park, please contact our Chair, Cynthia Nikitin, [nikitin@brunelpark.org](mailto:nikitin@brunelpark.org) or our Strategic Planning and Board Development Lead, Pina Russell [slimpmz@gmail.com](mailto:slimpmz@gmail.com).

### **HOW TO APPLY**

To apply, please send your bio/CV and a cover letter (no more than 2 pages) outlining your experience and why you wish to become a Trustee of Brunel Park to: [nikitin@brunelpark.org](mailto:nikitin@brunelpark.org) or call (845) 205-3839

More about our mission and vision is on our website: [www.brunelpark.org/who-we-are](http://www.brunelpark.org/who-we-are) and Testimonials from our Trustees: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5jltzY9pCEk&t=8s>

A link to our most recent annual report can be found here:

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