

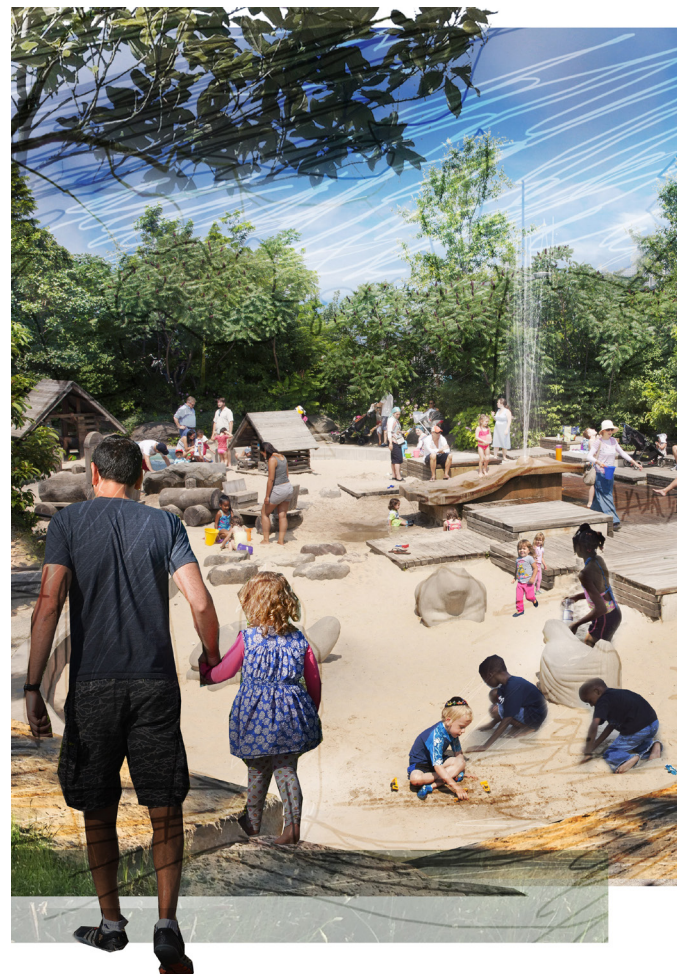


City of Raleigh is seeking an exceptional candidate to serve as

## Gipson Play Plaza Manager

The City of Raleigh is hiring a seasoned, experienced professional to lead operations for Gipson Play Plaza at Dix Park. Gipson Play Plaza is an 18.5-acre, \$70M investment that features an inviting and inspiring public space for all ages with one-of-a-kind play spaces, works of art, a civic plaza, fountains, gardens and more. Amazing play features include a sensory maze, water play mountain, swing terrace, and adventure playground. A picnic grove will offer areas to cook out and recharge with family and friends. Daily operating hours will be from 8am-10pm, and well over one million visitors are anticipated the first year.

For detailed plans, please visit [dixpark.org/playplaza](https://dixpark.org/playplaza)





The Gipson Play Plaza is anticipated to open to the public in the Spring of 2025. The goal is to hire this position as soon as possible to participate in construction meetings, develop opening and operating plans, and partner with the Dix Park Conservancy on the development of a concessions program. The position has an extremely diverse span of control including visitor experience, safety and security, budget and staff management, revenue generation, facility management and program and event supervision. In addition, this position will be the operations partner to the Natural Resources and Park Superintendent on the maintenance side. Together, these two positions will be ultimately responsible for the visitor experience at Gipson Play Plaza. This position will also manage multiple external relationships including the concessions partnership with the Dix Park Conservancy and the operational relationship with the Department of Health and Human Services.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Oversee the daily operations of the Gipson Play Plaza. Manage several full-time employees and be responsible for a larger team of part-time staff.
- Oversee visitor services, including community engagement, rentals, and events.
- Develop and implement strategy, make budget decisions, and make Dix Park a great place to work.
- Collaborate closely with other Dix Park staff and City of Raleigh departments ensure success in all areas of Gipson Play Plaza operations.
- Other duties as assigned.



## The ideal candidate will have:

- Passion for the role parks play in people's lives.
- Passion and experience in environmental sustainability, diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in parks.
- Demonstrated ability to develop and administer budgets.
- Commitment to leading others and experience the professional development of staff.
- Ability to make tough decisions and remain calm in challenging situations.
- Commitment to, and joy in, being on a team that ensures the success of all Gipson Play Plaza operations.



## Education + Experience:

Bachelor's degree in parks and recreation, landscape design and maintenance, forestry, urban forestry or field directly related to assignment and five years of professional experience directly related to assignment. OR An equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job such as those listed above, unless otherwise subject to any other requirements set forth in law or regulation. At least fifteen (15) years of management experience, at least five of which was in a public setting.

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