CITY OF NEW YORK PARKS & RECREATION

CITYWIDE JOB VACANCY NOTICE: Job ID No. 707115

Office Title: Forester

Civil Service Title: Forester Title Code No: 81361 Level: II

Salary: \$58,230 - \$82,506

Number of Positions: TBD Work Location: TBD

The mission of the Environment and Planning Division is to protect, restore, expand and manage New York City's natural spaces and green infrastructure. The division is responsible for citywide urban forestry, ecological and horticulture initiatives.

Major Responsibilities

- Under general supervision, perform advanced professional forestry functions in the field and office; perform related work.
- Enforce Parks Department standards for tree pruning removal, planting and replacement.
- Assess work to be done by contractors; engage with directly and supervise employees involved in professional forestry activities.
- Consult with engineers, developers, and contractors on a regular basis throughout projects.
- Schedule, conduct and/or supervise inspections and field surveys to assess tree health, structure, pests, diseases and construction
- Compile and manage forestry contracts, including tree maintenance, removal, planting, sidewalk repair, invasive species removal and natural area restoration.
- Review schedules, reports and correspondence prepared by consultants, contractors, and other agencies. Perform field inspections to assess contract compliance and work outcomes.
- Review permit applications to assess impacts to trees and landscapes, advise applicants and agencies on designs and methods, and / or issue permits.
- Manage forestry databases used to track, monitor, and produce reports on budgets, productivity, accomplishments and program status updates.
- Respond to citizen inquiries and maintain working relationships with community boards, community groups and officials within and outside of the Agency.
- Coordinate community-based greening efforts and lead tree stewardship workshops.

Qualification Requirements

- A master's degree from an accredited college or university, with a specialization in forestry or a related subject; or
- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, with a specialization in forestry or a related subject and one year of full-time professional experience in forestry or arboricultural work; or
- An associate degree from an accredited college or university, with a specialization in forestry or a related subject and three years of full-time professional experience in forestry or arboricultural work; or
- A satisfactory combination of education and/or experience that is equivalent to "1", "2", or "3" above. However, all candidates must have at least an associate degree with a specialization in forestry or a related subject.

This position is exempt from NYC residency requirements.

License Requirement

A Motor Vehicle driver's license valid in the State of New York.

Preferred Skills/Qualifications

*Preference will be given to applicants who filed and took the Forester Civil Service Examination (Exam No. 5075).

- Proficiency in Microsoft Office.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Experience working with the public.
- Ability to work independently.

How to Apply All Applicants

Click Here to Apply: Forester OR

Go to cityjobs.nyc.gov and search for Job ID# 707115.

All applicants must apply via cityjobs.nyc.gov. The City is no longer using ESS to accept applications.

*Current City Employees please include your ERN and Job ID# 707115 on your cover letter and resume.

POST UNTIL: FILLED POST DATE: 03/14/2025

NOTE: References will be required upon request. If you have any questions regarding this vacancy or require a reasonable accommodation during the application process, please call the Human Resources Division at (212) 830-7851.

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