

Civil Service Title: Forester
Title Code No. 81361
Office Title: Forester

Level: II
Salary: \$40,330 - \$57,145
Work Location: TBD
Number of Positions: 38

Be a part of making a greener, greater NYC! New York City is entering an unprecedented period of growth and development as part of Mayor Bloomberg’s PlaNYC2030—the most sweeping plan to enhance New York’s urban environment in the city’s modern history. By 2017 we plan to plant an estimated 220,000 street trees with over \$200 million in funding. Parks & Recreation is the steward of nearly 29,000 acres of land—14 percent of New York City—from Yankee Stadium to Central Park to community Gardens and Greenstreets. We are New York City’s principal provider of athletic fields. We are home to free concerts, world-class sports and cultural festivals. For more information go to opportunities at www.nyc.gov/parks.

The Central Forestry & Horticulture division manages citywide urban forestry initiatives including street tree planting and landscape enhancement contracts, education, stewardship and training programs, the creation of urban forest management plans for specific park properties through the New York Tree Trust program, and the Asian Longhorn Beetle eradication effort.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Under general supervision, perform advanced professional forestry functions in the field and office; perform related work.
- Schedule and supervise field surveys and inspections to assess the conditions of trees and the extent of damage from insects, injury and disease. Recommend solutions regarding species selection and site design.
- Assess work to be done by contractors for tree removal, tree pruning, tree planting, and related forestry contracts; supervise subordinate staff in the monitoring of contractors.
- Perform post-planting field inspections.
- Compile and manage street tree planting contracts.
- Inspect and tag trees at local nurseries.
- Respond to citizen inquiries and maintain working relationships with community boards, community groups, and officials within and outside the agency.
- Coordinate community-based greening efforts.
- Manage borough-wide tree database.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. A Master’s Degree from an accredited university with specialization in Forestry or a related subject; or
2. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college with specialization in Forestry or a related subject and one year of full time professional experience in forestry or arboricultural work; or
3. An associate degree from an accredited college with specialization in Forestry or a related subject and 3 years of full time professional experience in forestry or arboricultural work; or
4. Education and/or experience equivalent to “1”, “2”, or “3” above.
5. Valid New York State driver license.

PREFERRED SKILLS/QUALIFICATIONS

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

To apply, please submit cover letter & resume with JVN # to:

Personnel – Recruitment
City of New York/Parks & Recreation
24 West 61st Street, 2nd floor
New York, NY 10023
Email: grow@parks.nyc.gov
Attention: JVN # 846-08-11658

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NOTE: All resumes must be received no later than the last day of the posting period.
Previous applicants to this vacancy do not need to reapply.