

This is an IFA funded position.

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

Level: II
Salary: \$43,621 - \$50,164
Work Location: TBD
Number of Positions: 5

Be a part of making a greener, greater NYC! As part of Mayor Bloomberg’s PlaNYC 2030 - Parks & Recreation, together with the New York Restoration Project and other partners, has been working to plant One Million trees throughout the five boroughs. Citywide urban forestry initiatives include stewardship and training programs, urban forest management plans for specific park properties, the Asian Longhorn Beetle eradication effort as well as managing contracts for street tree planting, landscape enhancement and mitigation of tree root and sidewalk conflicts. Operations managed by Borough Forestry offices, include inspecting sites for tree planting, pruning, removal and replacement, as well as supervising and administering tree work contracts and enforcing agency tree protection standards.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Under general supervision, perform advanced professional forestry functions in the field and office.
- Enforce Parks Department standards for tree pruning, removal, planting, and replacement. Assess work to be done by contractors; engage in directly and supervise employees involved in professional forestry activities.
- Consult with engineers, developers, and contractors on a regular basis throughout projects.
- Schedule and supervise field surveys and inspections to assess the conditions of trees for health, structure, insect and disease.
- Compile and manage street tree planting contracts. Survey sites for planting potential and make decisions regarding species selection and site design. Inspect and tag trees at local nurseries. Perform post-planting field inspections and inspect trees.
- 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.
- Examine other agency and permit applications to assess impact on trees and landscapes and/or issue tree planting permits.
- Manage borough-wide tree database and track, monitor and produce reports on budgets, productivity, accomplishments and program status updates.

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.

This position is exempt from NYC residency requirements.

PREFERRED SKILLS/QUALIFICATIONS

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

If you have any questions regarding this vacancy, please call the Personnel Division at 212-830-7851.

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

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