

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

Level: II  
Salary: \$50,164  
Work Location: TBD  
Number of Positions: 3

Be a part of making a greener, greater NYC! Parks & Recreation, together with the New York Restoration Project and other partners, has been working to plant one million trees throughout the five boroughs as part of PlaNYC. 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; 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; assess the conditions of trees for health, structure, insect and disease.
- 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. Conduct post-planting field inspections.
- 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 tree database; monitor and produce reports on budgets, productivity, accomplishments and program status updates.
- May evaluate natural areas for potential reforestation and direct removal of invasive species, site preparation and planting by contractors.

**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**

Preferred applicants must have filed for the upcoming Forester civil service examination (Exam No. 4026).

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

**City employees:**

- 1) Apply through Employee Self Service (ESS) under Recruiting Activities
- 2) Search for **Job ID: 149433**

Include your ERN on all correspondence.

**For all other applicants:**

- 1) Go to [www.nyc.gov/careers/search](http://www.nyc.gov/careers/search)
- 2) Search for **Job ID: 149433**

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POST DATE: 04/18/14	POST UNTIL: FILLED	Job ID: 149433
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NOTE: All resumes must be received no later than the last day of the posting period.