

NOTICE OF JOB VACANCY

Title: Forester

Department: Forestry

Number of Vacancies: 1

Pay Range: Grade 22B \$29,183-\$40,672 Hourly \$53,114-\$70,668 Annual

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Supervises and works along with work crews in the planting and moving of trees and other forestry related activities;
Assigns work crews to specific areas; frequently checks progress of work for conformance to instructions and policies of the division;
Plans and directs the work of tree trimming crews;
Conducts tree inspections to diagnose disease, insect and health related problems, provides reports on tree status;
Inspects City-owned parks for required maintenance;
Inspects equipment used by Forestry crews to determine need for repairs;
Requisitions equipment and supplies;
Investigates complaints of damage done to and by City-owned trees;
Prepares technical information for all City tree planting grants and programs;
Oversees all tree planting programs including tree site selection and contractual work;
May be involved in the operation of the municipal tree nursery plan.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of tree propagation, cultivation, care and maintenance, including methods and equipment used in tree-trimming and removal; good knowledge of tree diseases and insects dangerous to City trees; good knowledge of acceptable methods for controlling and preventing the spread of tree diseases and insects; ability to layout and supervise the work of others; ability to develop and maintain cooperative relations with City officials and the general public; ability to prepare reports; willingness to work outdoors; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

(A) Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university in Forestry or related field and two (2) years' experience in forestry or related field, including or supplemented by one year of supervisory duties;

OR

(B) Associate's degree from an accredited or New York State registered college or university in Forestry or related field and four (4) years' experience as defined in (A) including or supplemented by the one (1) year of supervisory duties.

OR

(C) High school diploma and six years' experience as defined in (A)

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

Must obtain a certified pesticide applicator license in the category of shade tree, ornamental and turf issued by the Department of Environmental Conservation within six (6) months of permanent appointment.

NOTE: Forestry experience is defined as the care and removal of trees including felling, removal, spraying, trimming, cultivating, transplanting and pruning.

This position will be posted from May 22, 2023 through June 5, 2023