

Job Title: Capital Projects Arborist

Agency: New York City Department of Parks & Recreation

As the steward of nearly 29,000 acres of parkland, the Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) is a recognized leader and innovator of public spaces. We are a dynamic agency dedicated to beautifying, protecting, and revitalizing New York City's urban forest and precious green spaces. DPR is also committed to helping New Yorkers maintain active and healthy lifestyles in an urban environment. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer. www.nyc.gov/parks/jobs.

Major Responsibilities:

Under the Director of Capital Arboriculture and Horticulture, advise architects, landscape architects, engineers and other construction professionals as to the best practices for the preservation and protection of trees on City parkland before, during and after park construction projects. Perform tree inventories, tree condition and hazard evaluations and prepare tree damage assessment reports. Recommend tree and site damage mitigation applications. Review proposed tree removals and associated replacement tree values prior to bid and during construction as the need arises. Review recommendations with Borough Forester for approval and incorporation into design documents. Work with designers to formulate and optimize tree and site protection plans, including designation of staging areas, vehicular access routes, tree protection zones and any other specifications as appropriate to minimize impact of construction operations. Work with Resident Engineers and Landscape Construction Specialists to implement and enforce standards and guidelines relating to site work around trees included in the approved Site Protection Plans. Coordinate with the Engineers and Landscape Construction staff to ensure all pruning and arboriculture work in construction occurs under the supervision of a certified arborist and according to contract specifications. Research new materials, methods and policies relating to tree protection, preservation and urban forestry. Conduct trainings for agency staff in tree biology, species selection, maintenance and tree and site protection methods. Work with other divisions of Parks, including Central Forestry & Horticulture, Borough Forestry offices and the Natural Resources Group to ensure agency standards for planting operations, tree health and tree protection practices are maintained. Represent Parks at community and other agency meetings as appropriate.

Qualification Requirements:

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college with major study in horticulture, arboriculture or landscape architecture and four years of full-time, paid experience in horticultural work of which two (2) years must have been in a supervisory, administrative, consultative, managerial or executive capacity; or
2. A satisfactory equivalent. However, all candidates must have at least a high school diploma or evidence of having passed an examination for a high school equivalency diploma and one year of supervisory, administrative, consultative, managerial or executive experience as described above.

Residency in New York City, Nassau, Orange, Rockland, Suffolk, Putnam or Westchester counties required for employees with over two years of city service. New York City residency required for all other candidates.

Additional Qualifications Preferred:

1. Certification as an Arborist or Board Certified Master Arborist by the International Society of Arboriculture; or Registered Consulting Arborist by the American Society of Consulting Arborists.
2. A master's degree from an accredited university in Forestry or a related subject; or 7 years of experience in tree preservation and protection, pruning, installation and establishment, diagnosis and treatment of insect and disease problems and other related arboricultural services.
3. Strong knowledge of agency structure and divisions and/or government operations.
4. Excellent writing, supervisory, administrative and inter-personal skills.
5. Leadership and negotiation skills, ability to reconcile input from multiple stakeholders while meeting overall organizational objectives.
6. A valid New York State driver license.

Deadline to apply: 7/25/11

How to Apply:

Send resume with cover letter including Job Vacancy Number (JVN) for Capital Projects Arborist JVN 88183.

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Type: Full-time

Salary: \$70,000-\$80,000

Job Location: Queens, NY

Areas of Focus: Arboriculture