

Environmental Specialist – Environmental Technologies Coordinator

POSITION: Environmental Technologies Coordinator

CLASSIFICATION: Full Time, Exempt, Union

SALARY RANGE: \$64,662-\$93,760

POSTING PERIOD: 9/12/2023 – 10/15/2023

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The New Jersey Pinelands Commission is an independent state agency whose mission is to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural and cultural resources of the Pinelands National Reserve, and to encourage compatible economic and other human activities consistent with that purpose. The Commission implements a comprehensive plan that guides land use, development, and natural resource protection programs in the 938,000-acre Pinelands Area of southern New Jersey.

The Commission is seeking a full-time Environmental Specialist to coordinate the Commission's environmental technology programs. A key responsibility of the position involves review of stormwater management design and municipal stormwater management plans, landfill closure plans, dredging plans and proposals for the commercial use of advanced wastewater treatment systems associated with land development applications. The position will also be responsible for ongoing monitoring and implementation of the Commission's Alternate Design Treatment Systems Pilot Program and coordination with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection on proposed rulemaking and permitting activities related to stormwater management, wastewater treatment, water quality and landfill closure. Other projects may be assigned in response to emerging environmental and regional planning priorities of the Commission.

Duties and Qualifications

Well-qualified candidates will have strong communication skills and experience with review of stormwater management plans and regulations, both for site-specific design and as part of municipal master plans. The ability to read and interpret engineering plans, environmental laboratory data reports, regional land use regulations, municipal ordinances and state regulations, and the ability to communicate findings both verbally and in writing will be necessary. Demonstrated knowledge or certification in wastewater treatment, site remediation, and/or soil erosion and sediment control is preferred. The position requires extensive interaction, meetings and correspondence with applicants, other state agencies and county and municipal officials. Knowledge of the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan and an understanding of Pinelands ecosystems is a plus, but not required. The incumbent must work successfully both individually and as part of a team to achieve goals. Commission staff work simultaneously on multiple projects and must be able to prioritize and manage time efficiently to meet regulatory and project deadlines. Some local travel will be required to perform site inspections and other field work and to attend meetings within central and southern New Jersey.

Required skills include proficiency with Microsoft Office tools such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook, as well the ability to use Teams to facilitate remote collaboration. A Driver's license is required. Desired skills include proficiency with ArcGIS and other ESRI products or similar GIS software. This position has no supervisory responsibilities.

Salary will be commensurate with experience, starting at \$64,664. Full benefits package including paid vacation leave, paid sick leave, health and dental insurance, life insurance, and enrollment in the public employee's retirement system. The position will be eligible for participation in the State's telework pilot program.

REQUIREMENTS:

EDUCATION and EXPERIENCE: A Bachelor's degree with concentration in environmental science, civil, environmental or chemical engineering, environmental planning or a related field and two years of experience is required. A Master's degree in a related field may substitute for one year of experience. Possession of a Registered Environmental Health Specialist License, a Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator License, a Subsurface Evaluator License, a Professional Engineer License and/or a Licensed Site Remediation Professional credential is desirable.

RESIDENCY: The New Jersey First Act (P.L. 2011, c. 70) requires all new employees to reside in the State of New Jersey, unless exempted under law. If you do not reside live in New Jersey, within one year of hire, you must either establish residency in the State of New Jersey or successfully receive an exemption from the Employee Residency Review Committee.

INTERESTED CANDIDATES: Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and writing sample via e-mail to humanresources@pinelands.nj.gov by the closing date. Only candidates selected for interview will be contacted.

Please note that NJ Pinelands Commission has not adopted the provisions of Title 11A of the New Jersey Statutes (Civil Service). Thus the Civil Service Commission will not play a role in or oversee the hiring process for this position.