



We're Hiring:

Park Forester

The Downers Grove Park District is searching for: Park Forester



OUR MISSION

Enriching our community through natural area preservation and exceptional recreation, parks, and facilities that inspire memorable experiences.



OUR VISION

To be the community resource encouraging PLAY for L.I.F.E.

Leadership. Imagination. Fulfillment. Enjoyment



OUR CULTURE

We believe in a culture where our team members are respected, valued and appreciated. Flexibility in one's life is understood and work-life balance is respected. Innovative thinking is expected and encouraged lacking fear of failure. It is understood that through hard work the organization is committed to assisting in career development. We believe success relates directly to intention, effort and progress.



OUR CORE VALUES

- **PROFESSIONALISM**
Committed to fostering a supportive culture that develops, empowers, respects and appreciates residents, volunteers, and staff.
- **INTEGRITY**
Serving consistently, openly, and honestly.
- **SAFETY**
Emphasizing a fun environment where residents and staff feel socially, emotionally, and physically secure.
- **AMBITION**
Leaders in exploring and creating innovative opportunities based on evolving needs and trends.
- **RESPONSIBILITY**
Preserving and maximizing community resources and partnerships through historical, environmental and fiscal stewardship.

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Why, you ask?

Due to an internal promotion to Assistant Superintendent of Parks for our current Forester, this position has become available for the first time in 30 years within our agency.



The Position

The Park Forester is charged with the overall care and upkeep of the Park District's 5,000 park trees, including: annual pruning, removals, planting, outreach, as well as thousands of trees in Natural/Open Space areas.

The District completed its tree inventory in 2015, and has managed its urban forest in a proactive manner: treating ash trees to prolong life, utilizing several methods of plant health care, and maintaining a strong annual planting program with an emphasis on diversification of tree species to lessen the risk of insect damage and disease.

The Park Forester is relied upon as an expert in the field, and a resource for other staff to recommend, guide the care, and preservation of trees, while reporting to the Assistant Superintendent of Parks, this person will work closely with other staff, including supervision of full time and seasonal staff to accomplish various responsibilities.



The Ideal Candidate

The Park Forester plays a crucial role for the Park District, and the ideal candidate will commit to making that role a career within our organization.

The candidate should possess a positive attitude, effective communication skills, a knowledge of park district maintenance tasks and logistics, and an in-depth understanding of Forestry and Horticulture as it applies to the care and upkeep of trees within an urban (suburban) park system.

The ideal candidate is a team player that is passionate about trees and the environment, that can remain open minded and accept responsibility, leads by example, appreciates the value of work-life balance, and can show understanding and sensitivity to community needs.



Work Environment/Physical Demands/Expected Hours of Work

This team member will work outdoors on a regular basis, as a member of our team of talented park professionals with varied responsibilities. The Forester will actively visit our parks and facilities to evaluate and care for our trees. As a member of our team, the Forester will assist with other tasks, as needed, including snow removal, weekend duty (on a rotating basis), and projects. Some indoor meetings and committee work is to be expected. Weekend and evening hours for major activities or emergencies when needed.



Preferred Education and Experience

The success of this position is in the person, their work ethic and their values. In order to ensure the knowledge base for the position, we require a Bachelor's degree in Forestry, Horticulture or related field, as well as relevant field experience that reflects ones abilities. Required Certifications will include: an Illinois Pesticide Applicator's License with Right of Way and Ornamentals endorsements; a valid Illinois Commercial Driver's License (Class B CDL); Certified Arborist; and Certified Prescribed Burn Manager.

Are we the right fit for you....?

Do our Mission, Vision, Values, and Culture fit your life style? Do you meet the competencies for this job and want to work with others who have the same values? If so, then we are where you belong. Come join us and let's enrich the community of Downers Grove together.



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