

URBAN FORESTER

DEFINITION OF WORK

Under regular supervision, performs specialized professional work in the planning and coordination of a comprehensive tree management program.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

This position analyzes, coordinates and inspects tree maintenance operations; consults with all City departments to ensure correct practices next to trees; initiates programs to educate the public and private sectors of the importance of tree preservation; develops and coordinates various tree-related events with citizen and appointed committees; prepares and administers grants related to the urban forestry program; assists and consults in the design of tree-related projects for all City-related projects; develops and administers relevant ordinances; develops specifications for work on and around public and rights-of-way trees and inspects such work to determine compliance; develops a maintenance plan and a master plan to ensure perpetuity of the urban forest; inspects and determines condition of trees on the rights-of-way and public land; deals with local utilities on tree-related issues; expands and maintains the computerized tree inventory and performs related work as assigned.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

Any combination of education and experience equivalent to a bachelor's degree with major course work in arboriculture, horticulture, botany, forestry or a related field; experience in arboriculture at a professional or supervisory level; considerable knowledge of urban tree species and their requirements.

Must be able to lift or move up to 50 lbs., maneuver up to 1 mile, climb and have the ability to work with small and large objects; must possess excellent communication skills. This position will work outdoors and may be exposed to cold, heat, changing weather, repetitive motion/operations and long periods of standing/sitting.