Forestry Technician Intern - Summer 2017

POSITION INFORMATION

Employer Hennepin County

Division N/A

Title Forestry Technician Intern - Summer 2017

Description

Hennepin County's Environment and Energy Department is seeking a Forestry Intern to assist with the management of the county's tree program. Hennepin Country's tree program goal is to ensure Hennepin County's tree canopy is diverse, healthy, maintained, protected, and flourishing. Tasks could include but are not limited to; assisting with the operation of the county's gravel-bed tree nursery, inventorying trees on county property, helping maintain newly planted trees (watering, weeding, mulching), managing volunteers during tree care events, and working on projects related to the mission of the forestry group. Through this experience, the intern will be provided with exposure to municipal government and forestry on a county-wide scale.

This internship is located at 701 Fourth Avenue South, Suite 700, Minneapolis, MN. The forestry intern will work from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The ideal candidate would be available from May 15 - September 1, 2017.

The mission of Hennepin County's Environment and Energy Department is to preserve and enhance Hennepin County's environment for future generations through the responsible management of wastes and natural resources and the promotion of environmental stewardship.

The primary duties and responsibilities of this internship include:

- Assist with the management of the county's gravel-bed tree nursery. This could include watering, managing stock, preparing for tree plantings, etc.
- Assist with the maintenance of newly planted trees. This could include watering, weeding, mulching, or pruning young trees on county property.
- Conduct tree inventory activities on county facilities and road corridors, including tree identification, size, and condition ratings.
- Assist with Emerald Ash Borer plan implementation.
- Provide technical assistance to county staff, residents, municipalities, businesses, and other agencies regarding forestry issues.
- Work with forestry staff to provide technical assistance and learn about the collaborative government process.
- Help with outreach and education opportunities within communities and between county departments.
- Develop and implement a start-to-finish forestry project in Hennepin County.

Location

LOCATION

Nationwide

no

City

Minneapolis

State/Province Minnesota

Country United States

Position Type Paid, Internship

Salary Level \$15.62 Hourly

HOW TO APPLY

https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/hennepin/transferjobs

Applications accepted via:

Other

IMPORTANT DATES

Posted On: Mar 21, 2017

Applications Accepted Until:

Mar 31, 2017

CONTACT INFORMATION

Employer Hennepin County

Name Human Resources Department
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Job Function

Environmental, Sustainability, Earth Science, Healthcare, Science,

Research

Qualifications

- Current enrollment in a program pursuing a degree in forestry, natural resources, or another related field.
- Experience:

Conducting tree inventories and/or canopy assessments.

Planting and maintaining bare root trees.

Making presentations and preparing documents explaining technical concepts and information for diverse and non-technical audiences.

- Exposure to gravel-bed nursery practice.
- Enthusiasm and interest in learning about urban and municipal forestry.
- A valid driver's license and access to reliable transportation to travel to sites throughout Hennepin County.
- Knowledge of software applications for word processing, spreadsheets, Geographic Information System (GIS), and forestry management.
- Excellent problem-solving, time-management, verbal, and writing skills.
- Excellent organizational and project management skills.
- Ability to:

Work in both an office and field environment.

Be a self-starter and independent thinker.

Manage multiple active projects.

Communicate effectively with staff at all levels of the organization and the public.

Help Desk: 703-373-7040 (Hours: Mon-Fri. 9am-8pm EST)

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