



Horticulture Maintenance 1-Conservationist

Palatine Park District

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Closing Date:

Salary: \$47,300-\$54,000

Description:

Position Summary

We are seeking a candidate with experience in horticulture and conservation. The primary responsibilities of this position will involve the management of natural areas through mechanical and chemical removal of invasive plant species, seeding, and the establishment of native vegetation. Additionally, the role will include assisting with the maintenance of manicured landscape beds, tree removal, and other general horticultural tasks. This position requires basic to moderate knowledge of general grounds maintenance tasks to include operation of equipment used for mowing, landscaping, snow removal, and other related tasks, including the care of the district's trees and flower/shrub beds, which involves planting annual flowers, watering, weed control, and mechanical pruning.

Work will include evenings and weekends when needed as well as assisting with special events, along with other Parks Department duties as assigned. Overtime will be required as needed. The Horticultural Maintenance I position is in the Parks Department and is a full-time, full-benefited, non-exempt position.

Minimum Requirements

- High school graduate
- 1-3 years working experience in landscape construction and/or landscape maintenance industry
- Experience in conservation preferred
- Knowledge of general landscape maintenance activities, such as mowing, pruning trees and shrubs, landscape beds, and snow removal
- Be able to operate basic hand and power tools
- Valid State of Illinois Driver's License. Class C license is required within twelve (12) months of employment
- Illinois Pesticide Operator License is required within twelve (12) months of employment

Benefits & Wages

- Health/Dental/Vision insurance for individual and family
- Paid life insurance
- A retirement plan with the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF)
- Paid vacation, personal days, holidays and sick time

- Unlimited in-house complimentary programs
- Seasonal pool passes for indoor and outdoor pools (individual and family)
- Fitness Center membership (individual and family)
- Discount at Palatine Hills Golf Course

Employment contingent upon successful criminal background check, MVR check, pre-employment drug screen and physical.

To view the full job description and apply visit our website: <https://www.palatineparks.org/employment-opportunities/>