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Subject: **JOB: Assistant City Forester, Springfield, MA - CLOSING Nov 18!**
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Taken from the Alliance for Community Trees newsletter:

Assistant City Forester, City of Springfield (Springfield, MA)

Deadline: November 18, 2010

Under administrative direction of City Forester, participate and supervise a City-wide program of care and maintenance of trees on public properties, parks, greenbelts and forested areas of the City; to assist with the implementing of the City's urban forestry plans; to prepare and implement a public relations program to protect and preserve the City's forest resources; and to do related work as required.

Must be available for emergency callout duties after normal working hours and on weekends.

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE, but are not limited to:

- * Assisting the City Forester with the following:
- * Scheduling and supervising, as well as participating in, the inspection, planting, removal, pruning, trimming and maintenance of trees on City property.
- * Supervising the trimming of trees by public utilities for clearance from utility lines.
- * Instructing personnel in good forestry practices.
- * Inspecting trees for pests and disease and scheduling spraying or treatment operations; keeping abreast of developments of insecticides, fungicides and herbicides; diagnosing tree and plant diseases; making chemical tests of soil to determine treatment needed to promote tree or plant health and growth.
- * Preparing budget requests for forestry programs.
- * Supervising maintenance of tree and plant nursery stock.
- * Requisitioning and purchasing of materials.
- * Using safe working methods in operation of equipment.
- * Making tree surveys.
- * Implementing a public relations program for forest resources, preparing press releases and public information.
- * Preparing, maintaining and implementing the forestry management plan, including tree trimming and care, site improvement, tree plantings and removals.
- * Preparing and maintaining an inventory of tree population by species and age groups within the City and a general survey of trees on private property within the City.
- * Drafting reports and preparing contract specifications, soliciting bids, monitoring contract work in the field, administering payments to contractors.
- * Acting for the Urban Forester in his/her absence, under the direction of the Director of Parks, Buildings, and Recreation.

SKILLS/COMPETENCIES REQUIRED INCLUDE, but are not limited to:

- * Thorough knowledge of arboriculture and methods, tools and equipment used in the care and maintenance of trees, plants, and shrubs.
- * Thorough knowledge of tree trimming and safety practices and equipment used in tree climbing including aerial lift truck.
- * Thorough knowledge of plant and tree diseases and pests, and their eradication and control.
- * Considerable knowledge of modern supervisory methods; the operation and maintenance of power equipment and tools used in tree work.
- * Ability to prepare, present, implement and enforce the City's Tree Protection Ordinance.
- * Ability to prepare contract specifications.
- * Ability to schedule, supervise and participate in the work of several crews.
- * Ability to make chemical tests of soils.
- * Ability to instruct others in the safe use of tree and plant maintenance tools and equipment.
- * Ability to present information verbally and in writing; to maintain records of activities; to establish and maintain effective relationships with others.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE/CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

- * Any combination equivalent to a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Forestry or related field, including courses in arboriculture and horticulture, specializing in urban forestry, and, five (5) years in a supervisory capacity in tree and grounds care and maintenance.

- * Possession of a valid Massachusetts Class B License (CDL) at the time of appointment with an acceptable driving record.
- * Possession of a valid Pesticide License.
- * Possession of or the ability to obtain an Arborist Certificate within six (6) months of employment.

Salary: \$940/week. Closing date: 11/18/10.

TO APPLY

For application procedure, see job posting on City of Springfield website: [click here](#).

<http://www.springfieldcityhall.com/personnel/index.php?id=508>

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