

COUNTY FORESTER

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DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves developing and managing forest lands purposes, directing projects in forestation and reforestation. The incumbent also does planning for flood control, soil erosion and conservation; advises on forestry problems and conducts educational programs on care of forests. Work is performed under the general supervision of the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation. Supervision is exercised over a number of employees for assignment and review of work. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Supervises the maintenance of the County forests by utilizing various standard forest practices such as the cutting, trimming, pruning, and transplanting of trees by making long range plans, issuing instruction, and inspecting work;  
Plans preventive methods in the care of forests by studies of the effects of fire, insects, diseases, and other forms of injury on growth and timber quality; directs methods of insect, disease, and pest control by tree spraying, trapping, and other methods;  
Organizes and supervises fire detection and suppression plans by maintaining fire lanes; patrolling activities; training of employees in forest fire prevention and techniques; maintaining of fire fighting equipment; and the utilization of public appeal methods; supervises reforestation projects by making soil studies;  
Supervises the selection and harvesting of forest products such as logging and oversees the operation and maintenance of sawmill equipment;  
Plans and supervises Game Management Projects for the conservation of wild-life such as fencing, posting, stocking and control of predators;  
Directs a program of public information on Forestry performing a variety of activities such as speeches to schools and organizations on forestry; answers requests for information from the public by phone and correspondence and assisting land owners in the County by marking trees for harvesting;  
Plans and oversees the construction and repair of buildings and structures; the maintenance and repairs of tools and equipment;  
Administers clerical functions of a small office including payroll and record work, answering of correspondence from the Federal, State, and County governments; filing preparations of requisitions, vouchers and reports, and budget requests for State Forestry Department.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of Forestry including reforestation, pest eradication and control of tree diseases; thorough knowledge of game management, fire prevention methods, operation and maintenance of forestry equipment, federal, state and county laws; office procedures; ability to plan, organize and direct others; ability to make sketches or drawings and to plan building alterations; ability to prepare speeches and do public speaking; ability to prepare reports and maintain records; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: EITHER:

- A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or NYS registered four (4) year college or university with a Bachelor's degree, with a major in Forestry Management, supplemented by four years full-time experience in Forestry work, at least two years of which must have been in a supervisory capacity; or
- B) Completion of two years or sixty semester credit hours of study at a regionally accredited or NYS registered two or four year college or university, with a major in Forestry Management, supplemented by six years of experience as indicated in (A), at least two years of which must have been in a supervisory capacity; or
- C) An equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of (A) and (B).