

SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: An employee in this position is responsible for formulating and executing environmental studies and for advising State and local agencies on improved methods of protecting natural resources and enhancing the environment. The incumbent prepares the environmental work program and budget under the general direction of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development and the Environmental Management Council, with wide leeway allowed for the exercise of independent judgement. Supervision is exercised over the work of clerical, technical and professional staff engaged in environmental activities. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Reviews and evaluates environmental impact reports that apply to specific planning projects and programs;
Prepares reports regarding the environmental impact of planning proposals such as drainage projects, proposed roads, dredging areas, bridges or other structures and facilities;
Develops a comprehensive County natural resource protection and environmental management program;
Acts as liaison with advisory committees on the environment to identify specific environmental problems as well as develops and implements solutions to those problems;
Provides information on all environmental matters, and where appropriate, refers inquiries of the public to proper agencies;
Advises staff members on complex problems encountered in environmental related planning projects;
Serves as liaison to other local, State and Federal agencies involved in environmental activities;
Reviews and keeps abreast of Federal, State and local policy rules and regulations involving environmentally related matters;
Identifies potential problems that may impact the environment and determines solutions which will be in the best interest of the County;
Confers with local authorities, members of environmental councils, task forces, citizens' advisory commissions and legislative bodies to recommend measures affecting the environment.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Comprehensive knowledge of the purposes, principles, practices, methods and terminology used in environmental planning;
Thorough knowledge of current principles, practices, methods and techniques used in preserving and improving environmental conditions;
Good knowledge of environmental research methods and techniques;
Good knowledge of governmental budget procedures;
Good knowledge of local, State and Federal programs and legislation

concerning the environment and its protection;
Ability to prepare complex reports;
Ability to make difficult planning studies and to prepare analyses, recommendations and revisions;
Ability to express oneself clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing;
Ability to understand complex oral and written directions;
Ability to establish effective working relationships with civic leaders, public officials and the general public;
Ability to make presentations to elected and appointed officials, citizen groups and agencies;
Ability to analyze and evaluate complex data, write comprehensive reports and make practical recommendations;
Ability to analyze factual data and to prepare graphs, diagrams and reports;
Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in environmental studies, environmental engineering, environmental or natural resource management, or closely related field and three years of professional experience in environmental planning, environmental management or closely related field; OR
- B) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Bachelor's Degree and four years of professional experience in environmental planning, environmental management or closely related field; OR
- C) An equivalent combination of training and experience as indicated in A) and B) above.

NOTE: Education beyond the Bachelor's Degree in the field of environmental planning or environmental management may be substituted for experience on a year for year basis.

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