

Rutgers Forestry Program Internship Opportunity

SUMMARY

The district is looking for interns to assist in tree inventory data collection and Community Forestry Management Plan creation. This would be a paid internship position(s), the job would be located at the FSCD offices at 4000 Kozloski road in Freehold NJ 07728, interns would be provided transportation to various municipalities to conduct inventories and may also sit in and participate in local municipal meetings and Shade tree commissions. Students would be provided the tools and instruction to assist with urban forestry work and will have the opportunity to work alongside various professional/licensed foresters across state.

The Freehold Soil Conservation District is part of the New Jersey Natural Resources Program. In 1937 President Roosevelt urged all states to encourage local participation in soil conservation and in June 1938 the Freehold Soil Conservation District was incorporated; the first district in the State of New Jersey. Our goal is to provide leadership and to administer programs to help people conserve, improve, and sustain our natural resources and environment.

Job Title: Forestry Intern

Reports to: Urban Forester Technician/District Manager

Pay: ~\$15/hr

Timeline: ~April/May - August (up to ~150hrs)

Days: Wednesdays 7:30am-3:30pm & Thursdays 8:30am-4:30pm (can be flexible)

Assist with the following tasks:

- Assist with data collection for tree inventories, municipal forests, streets, parks, and natural areas. This will require a lot of boots on the ground walking through towns and natural areas to inventory trees across municipalities.
- Help with the identification of hazardous/dead trees and tree vacancies. Provide input on tree plantings, planting design, sourcing of native or regionally appropriate trees.
- Utilize identification skills and control strategies to protect forest health.
- Involved with technical assistance for town forests, greenways, and street tree programs.
- Ability to apply GIS/GPS/Excel skills to help create items within Community Forestry Management Plans
- Ability to respond to common inquires or complaints from concerned citizens, regulatory agencies, or members of the business community.

Certificates, Licenses, Registrations:

- A valid New Jersey driver's license and acceptable driving record is preferred.

Physical Demands/ Work Environment:

This position will be field heavy work, the physical demands required involves outdoor walks in various weather types.

- While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to walk, talk or hear.
- The employee is frequently required to stand.
- The employee is occasionally required to use hands.
- The employee is occasionally requires to sit, stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl.
- Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, depth perception, and ability to adjust focus.
- Utilize forestry tools during inventory process (these skills can be taught)
- Mainly outdoors in a municipality's streets, parks, and natural areas.

If interested please email Jblack@freeholdscd.org

Respectfully,

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