

Seasonal Forester

Salary

\$21.50 - \$22.60 Hourly

Location

Hennepin County

Job Type

Seasonal

Job Number

24EED052LV024

Department

Environment and Energy

Division

Forestry General

Opening Date

01/09/2024

Closing Date

2/26/2024 11:59 PM Central

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Description

Hennepin County's Environment and Energy Department is seeking eight seasonal forestry laborers to assist with tree care, watering, and related maintenance for the county's forestry program during the 2024 growing season. A portion of the work may also include assistance with maintenance, monitoring, surveying, or other field work efforts associated with other natural resource projects. Hennepin County's forestry program goal is to ensure that the county's tree canopy is diverse, equitable, healthy, maintained, protected, and flourishing. Prior tree care or forestry knowledge is encouraged but not required; training to complete job tasks will be provided. Through these positions, the seasonal forestry laborers will have the opportunity to gain experience in community forestry at a county-wide scale.

Location and hours:

These positions are based at the gravel bed nursery located outside at the Hennepin County Adult Correction Facility at 1145 Shenandoah Lane, Plymouth, MN 55447. However, field work will be conducted at job sites throughout Hennepin County. These positions may occasionally make use of available workspace at the Hennepin County Environment and Energy Department at 701 Fourth Avenue South, Suite 700, Minneapolis, MN 55415.

These positions will work an 8-hour shift between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

About these position types:

These positions are seasonal positions, non-benefit earning, for a duration of up to six months. These positions are internally classified as a Laborer, Casual. Click [here](#) to view the job classification specification.

In this position, you will:

- Water newly planted trees along Hennepin County roadways and facilities.
- Maintain newly planted trees, including mulching, staking, and pruning.
- Assist with the maintenance of the county's gravel-bed tree nursery. This may include watering, tracking inventory, caring for young seedlings, overall upkeep, weed control and mowing.
- Assist with planting new trees and site preparation for reforestation projects.
- Assist with inventorying and maintaining trees along county roads.
- Receive training on proper tree care, maintenance, and planting protocols.
- Develop and practice urban forestry, tree care, and habitat restoration skills.
- Assist with maintenance, biological monitoring, surveying, or other field work efforts associated with natural resources improvement projects.
- Drive county vehicle and pull trailers to job sites.

Need to have:

- A valid driver's license and the ability to obtain a [Hennepin County driver's permit](#).
- Ability to:
 - Work primarily outside and occasionally in rainy or snowy weather conditions.
 - Work independently to complete assigned tasks.
 - Lift up to 50 lbs. repetitively with or without reasonable accommodation and dig holes for trees.

Nice to have:

- Experience:
 - Driving and operating pull-behind trailers.
 - In tree identification and collecting tree inventory data.
 - Identifying signs and symptoms of common tree diseases.
 - Planting and maintaining trees.
- Interest in learning about urban and municipal forestry and natural resource management.
- Strong organizational, time- and task-management, and problem-solving skills.

About the department:

The Environment and Energy department protects and preserves the environment to enhance the quality of life for current and future generations. We engage communities to develop and enact sustainable solutions. We focus on reducing and responsibly managing waste, protecting and preserving ecosystems, delivering clean energy and promoting environmental stewardship.

About Hennepin County:

Hennepin is the largest county government organization in Minnesota. Our employees work every day to improve the health, safety and quality of life for our residents and communities. All of our jobs align to one or more of our overarching goals -- that Hennepin County residents are healthy, protected and safe, self-reliant, assured due process, and mobile.

Our employees receive a combination of generous benefits and positive workplace culture not found at other organizations. This includes meaningful work that impacts our community, competitive pay, work-life balance, a variety of benefits and opportunities to grow. Learn more at [The Bridge](#) (login as Guest).

Hennepin County envisions an organization where our commitment to diversity and the reduction of disparities is fundamental in providing excellent service to our community.

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This posting may be used to fill current and future vacancies.

Invitations to interview will be based upon an assessment of education and experience. Final candidates may be required to complete a background check.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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