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**Job Announcement:** Community Forester

Deadline to apply: June 1, 2019, must be able to start July 8, 2019

Tree Pittsburgh is an environmental non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the City's vitality by restoring and protecting the urban forest through tree maintenance, planting, education, and advocacy. Tree Pittsburgh is a registered 501(c)3.

**Position Description:**

The Community Forester conducts outreach to communities and large land managers in Allegheny County and offers assistance in tree planting, tree ordinances, and technical assistance by encouraging scientifically based urban forest management techniques and actions. They advocate for the many values of trees in the urban environment and encourage and participate in partnerships among public and private interests that protect, conserve, and nurture trees in their communities.

In addition, the Community Forester helps establish Tree Pittsburgh as the regional leader where municipalities, institutions, organizations, and individuals involved in urban/community forestry matters can come for information, ideas, and activities that will promote improved tree health care and management practices and that enhance the beauty and livability of our communities.

**Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:**

- Raises awareness and advocates the value of trees in an urban landscape to help restore the aesthetic, environmental, and economic values of trees and forests in Allegheny County.
- Provides communities with technical assistance regarding strategic urban forestry planning that includes but is not limited to: tree canopy assessments, tree planting for enhanced environmental services, street tree surveys, tree maintenance, and tree ordinances.
- Works closely with municipal staff, councils, shade tree commissions and other large land managers in Allegheny County to form partnerships and assist in the creation and implementation of tree ordinances and policies that better protect and grow tree canopy.
- Leads active collaborations with professional organizations and government agencies and takes an active role with those most important to Tree Pittsburgh.
- Sponsors and/or supports field tours, workshops, seminars, conferences, demonstrations of sustainable forest management projects, media releases, and contacts with municipalities and government officials that support community forests.
- Develops informational and educational materials concerning the value, planting, and care of trees in urban settings.
- Seeks outside funding sources to ensure the continuation of the community forestry program.

**Preferred Experience and Qualifications:**

- Position requires a degree in forestry, horticulture, biology, botany, landscape architecture, or closely related field.
- 2 to 4 years of progressively responsible experience in community forestry or related natural resource work; or an equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Must be computer literate in Microsoft Applications: Word, Excel, and PowerPoint and ESRI ArcGIS.
- Able to work in a fast changing environment, with a diverse group of people.
- An outgoing personality energized by public contact.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills along with a proven record of public presentation activities.

- Ability to assimilate and translate into common language a considerable body of technical information about trees and related subjects, including the latest research findings.
- Evening and weekend hours as needed for presentations, programs, and appointments
- Prefer the candidate to possess an ISA Arborist Certification, Municipal Specialist and Tree Risk Assessment Qualification.
- Candidate must have reliable transportation, a valid driver's license and insurance.

**Physical Demands and working environment:**

Work is performed in a variety of outside field or event locations and in a standard work office environment. Ability to lift 50 lbs.

**Compensation/Benefits:** This is a full time salaried position. Health and retirement benefits available.

**Materials required in your application: Deadline 4pm EDT June 3, 2019, must be able to start July 8, 2019**

1. 1 page cover letter in PDF form or hard copy. The electronic file name should include your first name, your last name, and the words "cover letter" (eg: Dawn Redwood Cover Letter)
2. 1 to 2 page resume in PDF form or hard copy. The electronic file name should include your first name, your last name, and the word "resume" (eg: Dawn Redwood Resume)

Applications will be considered incomplete if they do not include the two items above, in the lengths and title formats specified. Please send resume and cover letter to:

Tree Pittsburgh: 32 62<sup>nd</sup> St. Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Or

[info@treepittsburgh.org](mailto:info@treepittsburgh.org) please include your last name and community forester in the subject line

(eg: Redwood\_community forester)

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