



Position Description: Community Landscape Designer

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About: The Green Infrastructure Center (GIC) is a nonprofit company located in central Virginia and working across the U.S. Founded in 2006, we work in wildlands to downtowns and our projects have been featured in *National Geographic*. The GIC provides planning, mapping and design services to assist communities in protecting or restoring their green infrastructure. Green Infrastructure includes intact forests, urban tree canopy, wetlands, springs, parks and rivers and agricultural soils that provide clean water, air quality, wildlife habitat, recreation and food. These resources are 'green infrastructure' because they create healthful communities, sustain the economy and support cultural values. GIC helps communities create conservation plans and set goals to expand access to natural resources to create more resilient and sustainable communities. The GIC also assists communities with planning for climate resilience. See our website for project examples www.gicinc.org

The GIC's clients include federal, regional, state and local government agencies, land trusts and conservation groups. The GIC is dedicated to growing the practice of green infrastructure planning and regularly shares its knowledge through workshops, courses, webinars and publications. The GIC's staff consists of planners, geographers, foresters and natural resource experts. ***The GIC is seeking a landscape designer who is a self-directed, creative individual with a commitment to science-based community planning and design.***

Position Responsibilities and Overview: The Community Landscape Designer (CLD) position requires strong science knowledge and design skills to help communities determine how to achieve conservation goals. The CLD works with local governments, state agencies, land trusts and community groups to help them recognize the location and value of their natural resources and assists communities with developing conservation plans for large landscapes or sites. The CLD works with communities on landscape designs and develops attractive graphics, reports, slide shows and social media posts to communicate key messages and results. For example, they use graphic design tools to show how blighted or impervious landscapes can be redesigned to become infiltrative, green and healthy. They also lay out reports and create graphic elements for power point presentations.

Administrative duties include project coordination and liaison with clients. It also requires assisting the community forester with training workshops, conferences and community events, as well as periodic client technical support.

Requirements:

Academic: Bachelor of Science or Arts degree in one or more of the following fields: landscape architecture, ecology, or landscape ecology. Planners who also possess a science degree with a design background are also encouraged to apply. A Master's Degree is strongly desired, but commensurate experience may be substituted.

Professional Experience: At least two to five years of relevant, professional work experience in one or more of the above fields.

Science Skills: Basic knowledge concerning soils, landscape ecology, natural resources and geography.

Computer Design Skills: Applicants possessing strong graphic design skills are preferred. They should have proficiency with design software and illustration tools e.g. Adobe Suite (InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator) and spatial planning software such as AutoCad and geographic information systems (GIS) and MS office suite (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Access).

Communications: Strong oral and written communication for presenting at workshops, leading group discussions and client meetings, designing brochures, guides, posters and web content.

Physical/Logistical: This position requires some field visits and physical fitness ability for hiking over rough terrain and up and down slopes. It also requires frequent travel (often weekly trips of 1-2 days, up to an entire week, dependent on distance to client site). Travel is usually planned far in advance and is busiest in spring and fall.

Compensation: The annual salary for this position is \$60,000 to \$65,000 dependent on experience and education. This is a full time, salaried position at 40 hours per week and it is exempt from overtime. Benefits include paid leave for all specified holidays (see employee manual), health care (reimbursement for an approved health care plan) and accrued leave @12 hours per month. Following one year of employment, participation in the GIC retirement IRA program is available.

Supervisor: This position reports to the GIC's Community Forester.

Job Location: Scottsville, VA area, with frequent travel required. Working remotely 2 days per week allowed.

To apply: Send a cover letter, resume, design portfolio of completed projects, professional references (3 minimum) to the address below or send my email to firehock@gicinc.org This position is open until filled, with hiring planned for summer 2021.

No calls please. Only the top qualified applicants will be invited to interview. The GIC is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on any basis. Prior to applying, applicants should visit the GIC's website to learn more about the firm at www.gicinc.org

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