

The City of Virginia Beach is recruiting for a Landscape Architect to support the Development Services Center. The Development Services Center is in the business of guiding and assisting its customers through the land development process.

Duties of this position include;

- Provide development review on landscape designs submitted to Planning and Community Development for Planning Commission/City Council items, construction plans, site plans and public projects for compliance with the City Code, proffers/conditions, Landscape Guide and Department of Environmental Quality Stormwater requirements
- Communicate verbally and in writing with consultants, City staff and the public regarding site plan review
- Review and propose landscape material and designs for stormwater management facilities
- Coordinate landscape issues associated with development among key stakeholders, e.g., Parks & Recreation, Public Works, Public Utilities, Dominion Power, Virginia Natural Gas and other Franchise Utility companies
- Identify potential conflicts between landscaping and existing and proposed infrastructure, including private and public above and below ground utilities
- Ability to work under the pressures of deadlines and multiple projects
- Assist Planning Administration and applicants with the preparation of acceptable landscaping plans for projects requiring Planning Commission, City Council and Chesapeake Bay Board action
- Assist the Zoning staff with sites that are in violation of the maintenance requirements of their Conditional Use Permits or Conditional Rezoning
- Assist Planners with landscape design guidelines for the Strategic Growth Areas and the Comprehensive Plan
- Draft, update and implement landscape codes, policies and guidelines as appropriate

Official City Job Description:

https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/human-resources/employment-vbgov/job%20descriptions/landscape_architect_02407.pdf

Minimum Requirements:

MINIMUMS: Any combination of education (above the high school level) and/or experience equivalent to eight (8) years in fields utilizing the required knowledge, skills, and abilities and associated with areas of landscape design, urban forestry, or horticulture. Must have, or obtain, a current and valid Virginia or North Carolina drivers license in accordance with Virginia or North Carolina DMV drivers license eligibility requirements. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: All employees may be expected to work hours in

excess of their normally scheduled hours in response to short-term department needs and/or City-wide emergencies. This position may require that incumbents wear and maintain appropriate personal protective equipment such as, but not limited to, steel toed shoes, safety glasses, gloves, or other designated safety attire and equipment in designated areas of risk. Specific requirements will be determined and communicated by the employee's supervisor based on position assigned.

Preferences:

Bachelor's degree from an accredited Landscape Architecture program or a Horticulture curriculum

Professional licensed Landscape Architect, certification as a Virginia Society of Landscape Designer or Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association

Extensive experience and knowledge in the proper selection of plant material for landscape and stormwater facility designs

Municipal experience with plan review

Private sector design experience

Experience working with multidisciplinary teams as a team member

Experience writing and updating codes and policies

Strong computer graphics skills