

Class Concept

This is professional work involved in managing and coordinating land acquisition for developing State parks, and other areas and developments essential to the effective operation of the State park activities, natural and cultural resource management, and environmental assessment functions for the Division of Parks and Recreation. Job duties include determines land acquisition priorities; prepares state and federal funding sources for the appraisal and acquisition of properties; investigates requested properties wished to be donated for feasibility, potential liability and benefit to the state park system; and prepares condemnation actions in cases where outside actions threaten park natural, scenic and cultural resources. Employee works with state and local government officials on zoning and planning issues, acquisition and appraisal proceedings, and environmental problems that impact park resources, and provides technical oversight on contracted environmental assessments and coordinating and providing technical reviews on environmental assessments submitted from various state and federal agencies. Employee monitors land acquisition funds, participates in the development of funding needs for land acquisition, and works in identifying potential sources of funding for land acquisition, and may supervise environmental specialist in the preparation, collection, interpretation and analysis of land acquisition and resource management information.

Recruitment Standards

- Considerable knowledge of environmental or natural science principles and practices.
- Considerable knowledge of state and federal environmental regulations.
- Working knowledge of real estate and land use planning and zoning terminology and concepts.
- Ability to analyze technical and scientific information and to prepare conclusions and recommendations in a concise and understandable manner.
- Ability to develop policies and procedures.
- Ability to organize and write technical reports.
- Ability to work effectively and cohesively with the general public and state, federal and local government officials.
- Ability to express technical information, both clearly and in writing.
- Ability to plan and direct the work of subordinate staff.

Minimum Education and Experience

Bachelor's degree in parks and recreation, planning, engineering, business, finance or resource management or a natural or environmental science from an appropriately accredited institution and four years of progressive experience in natural resource management work, planning or an equivalent combination of training and experience.