

Class Concept

This is professional work involving the planning and promotion of community trail and greenway projects throughout the state. Employees offer technical expertise to state and federal agencies, local governments, private stakeholders, landowners, and trail user groups to plan and coordinate the acquisition, construction, and management of trails and greenways for multiple purposes. Employees work independently at a regional level to organize and conduct interagency community planning efforts for large, multi-jurisdictional trail and greenway projects. Such regional planning requires the collection and integration of data from multiple sources involving environmental protection, economic development, recreation demand, and related topics. Employees facilitate planning and cooperation across jurisdictions and among multiple land managers, often conducting large, multiple-partner planning meetings and helping to investigate project alternatives and potential trail corridors. Regional trails specialists work together to ensure that the regional plans form a cohesive, statewide trails plan. Employees also serve a variety of clients as specialists in trail and greenway planning and development. They disseminate information about trails and greenways, and provide technical advisory services for trail projects on public and private land. They assist in the preparation, review and administration of applications for state and federal trail grant funds for trail and greenway projects. Work is typically performed under the general supervision of a program manager. Employees are likely to be stationed apart from the supervisor, and are responsible for organizing daily workflow and maintaining quality and timeliness.

Recruitment Standards

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Basic knowledge of grants administration, review and monitoring
- Working knowledge of regional planning concepts and practices.
- Working knowledge of trail construction and maintenance concepts and practices, including cost and environmental considerations.
- Skill in working diplomatically with a variety of clients, applicants, stakeholders and interest groups.
- Ability to plan and organize work independently, and also to work as a team with other regional specialists.
- Ability to communicate effectively with management, staff, clients, members of the media and the general public.

Minimum Education and Experience

Bachelor's degree in natural resource management, community or regional planning, recreation, or a related field from an appropriately accredited institution and two years of related experience; or an equivalent combination of education and experience.