



KING COUNTY
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST III – WETLANDS SPECIALIST
TERM LIMITED TEMPORARY
DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
Hourly Rate Range: \$29.76 – \$37.72 (2005 rate)
Job Announcement: 05WM4857
OPEN: 1/12/05 CLOSE: Open Until Filled

WHO MAY APPLY: This position is open to all qualified applicants.

WHERE TO APPLY: Required forms and materials **must** be sent to: **Kathy Graves, 900 Oakesdale Avenue SW, Renton, WA 98055 OR DDES, mailstop OAK-DE-0100; or fax 206-296-6728.** E-mail applications are encouraged at kathy.graves@metrokc.gov (all application materials must be included). MS Word format is preferred. Application materials must be received by 4:30 p.m. on the closing date. (Postmarks are NOT ACCEPTED.) Contact Julie Kyle at (206) 296-6617 for further inquiries. **PLEASE NOTE:** Applications not received at the location specified above may not be processed.

FORMS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED:

- A [King County application form](#)
- Resume
- Letter of interest detailing your background and describing how you meet or exceed the requirements are required.

Application forms may be found at <http://www.metrokc.gov/ohrm/jobs/JobApplications.htm>

WORK LOCATION: 900 Oakesdale Avenue SW, Renton, WA.

WORK SCHEDULE: This is a full-time position and is overtime eligible. The position works a 40-hour workweek, generally Monday through Friday.

PRIMARY JOB DUTIES INCLUDE: This position is primarily responsible for reviews of permit applications and assessment of development-related impacts on primarily wetlands, but also includes potential impacts to aquatic areas and wildlife. Proposed projects are reviewed for conformance with King County Critical Areas Code, and other codes, ordinances and regulations. Thorough knowledge of wetland ecology is required and knowledge of one or more of the following is preferred: wildlife biology, aquatic ecology, and/or plant ecology. Experience with mitigation of project impacts or enhancement and restoration of aquatic, riparian, wetland, or upland habitats is desirable. Incumbents work independently or as team members. High level of independent organizational skill is required to manage large and complex workload. Need for coordination and extensive public contact necessitates excellent communication skills.

- Perform office and field studies and evaluate the potential impacts on wetlands of all types of proposed development projects, environmental improvements or other activities. Evaluate previous studies, examine field conditions, identify issues and concerns, resolve contradictory data sources, diagnose natural conditions, and predict the future behavior of natural resources.
- Review and verify technical studies and other information submitted by consultants and/or internal staff.
- Provide expert-level scientific consultation to engineering and planning functions, working as a team member on development permit review.
- Coordinate with internal team members and other regulatory agencies.
- Develop and assist in implementation of technical procedures, methodologies and technical policies.
- Analyze data, write comprehensive reports, prepare technical documents and maps for use by regulatory and technical staff, management, elected officials and the general public.
- Conduct field review to assess existing field conditions and the potential impacts of construction, environmental improvement activities or other developments.
- Identify and evaluate issues with project and determine applicable regulations.
- Review and approve site development plans for compliance with clearing, grading, and/or sensitive areas regulations.
- Conduct pre-construction meetings and conduct random and scheduled inspections to determine compliance with requirements.

QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's Degree in biology, ecology, natural resource management, environmental science, or related field. Minimum four years experience in wetland, stream or wildlife resource management including regulatory permit review.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT(S): An offer of employment will be contingent on the success of a pre-employment physical examination. A valid Washington State Driver's License or the ability to travel throughout the County in a timely manner is required.

UNION MEMBERSHIP: Positions in this classification will be represented by Local 17, International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers.

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