

Forester

The Regional Water Authority is seeking a Forester to join our team. The Forester will manage 19,000-acre public water supply forest for watershed protection, timber management yielding revenue, wildlife habitat, and open space protection. We expect dedication and high quality work from our employees. In turn, we provide competitive pay, a robust benefits package, training and development and opportunities for advancement. If you are ready for a fast-paced position with growth potential, contact the Regional Water Authority with your application.

Job Responsibilities:

- Evaluate forest conditions and prescribe sustainable silvicultural treatments consistent with watershed protection and the RWA's Forest Management Plan goals
- Mark trees and manage timber, firewood, and other forest product sales according to silvicultural principles and objectives
- Manage the RWA's Christmas tree plantation
- Conduct manual forest management including timber stand improvement (TSI) and tree planting as needed
- Manage all aspects of RWA forestry program including preparing income and O&M budgets, timber harvest records, and forestry GIS data
- Prepare forestland classification reports for tax assessment and annual forester reports
- Mark and maintain the RWA's property boundaries, including documenting of encroachments as needed

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree. Those holding a bachelor's degree in forestry will be given preference over those holding bachelor's degrees in environmental studies, natural resources, and biological sciences
- Minimum of one year of experience in field forestry or related natural resource management
- Connecticut forester certification or ability to acquire Connecticut forester certification within 9 months and forest land classification qualification within 18 months
- Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license
- Ability to learn and apply GIS mapping skills to create/edit maps and enter/analyze data
- Excellent knowledge of trees and shrubs common to Connecticut and forest measurement practices
- Must have and maintain the agility, endurance and physical ability to perform the required work in rough terrain in any weather

The RWA is seeking candidates that reflect our STARS Values: Service, Teamwork, Accountability, Respect and Safety.

To apply, please visit the Regional Water Authority website at <https://www.rwater.com/about-us/work-with-us>

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