

Regional Planner IV-Waterways Planner - (180007BM)

Description

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) is the state agency responsible for ensuring clean air and water, the safe management of toxics and hazards, the recycling of solid and hazardous wastes, the timely cleanup of hazardous waste sites and spills, and the preservation of wetlands and coastal resources.

MassDEP seeks applicants for the position of Regional Planner IV – Waterways Planner within the Bureau of Water Resources (BWR) Waterways Program. BWR administers the regulatory provisions of the Massachusetts Public Waterfront Act (the oldest waterways law in the United States), commonly called "Chapter 91." The program issues licenses for projects in waterways and ensures that projects meet public-access requirements.

This position will be based in MassDEP's Boston Office. Under the direction of the Waterways Program Chief, the candidate selected will assist in the permitting, planning, and policy tasks associated with the Waterways Program. Responsibilities will include: reviewing complex water-dependent and nonwater-dependent applications filed under 310 CMR 9.00; conducting public hearings and preparing license conditions and other licensing documentation for the Program Chief's review; reviewing Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) applications and drafting comments for review by the Waterways Program Chief; assisting in policy development, implementation and interagency coordination; participating in enforcement activities at the direction of the Program Chief and program enforcement coordinator; and collaborating with program staff in the processing of c. 91 appeals.

Duties for this position include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Review, evaluate and process Chapter 91 permit and license applications and draft permit and license conditions for review by the Program Chief.
- Perform field compliance inspections and conduct enforcement activities as directed.
- Meet with applicants before and after applications are submitted to offer guidance on licensing and permitting requirements.
- Collaborate with the Waterways Program's MEPA coordinator, formulate and draft comments on MEPA projects to provide pre-application guidance to project proponents and help ensure that all necessary information is gathered for permit and license applications.
- Participate in policy development as directed.
- Represent the Waterways Program in Chapter 91 administrative appeals and litigation as directed, including collaborating with designated staff responsible for coordination and oversight of appeals, participate in the development of settlement and litigation strategy with the Office of General Counsel, and provide testimony, as required.
- At the direction of the Program Chief, collaborate with the Office of Coastal Zone Management in the Municipal Harbor Planning review process, and prepare comments and correspondence for review by the Waterways Program Chief.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Preferred Qualifications at Hire:

- A strong knowledge of M.G.L. c. 91, the Public Waterfront Act, and regulations at 310 CMR 9.00; the Wetlands Protection Act; Wetlands Regulations and 401 Water Quality Certification regulations at 310 CMR 10.00 and 314 CMR 9.00, respectively.
- Knowledge of waterfront planning principles;
- Knowledge of MEPA, Municipal Harbor Planning, and other state regulations;
- Experience in reviewing large and complex projects, especially energy-related projects that have state and federal cross-jurisdictional components;

- Knowledge of the methods of general and technical report writing;
- Strong and effective writing, editing, and oral communication skills, including ability to successfully convey complex issues to DEP staff and the general public

Qualifications

First consideration will be given to those applicants that apply within the first 14 days.

MINIMUM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must have at least (A) five years of full-time, or equivalent part-time technical or professional experience in urban or regional planning, environmental planning, transportation planning or land use planning, and (B) of which at least three years must have been in a professional capacity, and (C) of which at least one year must have been in a supervisory capacity, or (D) any equivalent combination of the required experience and the substitutions below.

Substitutions:

I. A Bachelor's degree with a major in urban or regional planning, environmental planning, urban studies, architecture, landscape architecture, civil, environmental, or transportation engineering or environmental sciences may be substituted for two years of the required (A) experience.*

II. A Graduate degree with a major in urban or regional planning, environmental planning, urban studies, architecture, landscape architecture, civil, environmental, or transportation engineering or environmental sciences may be substituted for three years of the required (A) experience and one year of the required (B) experience.

*Education toward such a degree will be prorated on the basis on the proportion of the requirements actually completed.

NOTE: Educational substitutions will only be permitted for a maximum of three years of the required experience. Substitutions will only be permitted for a maximum of one year of the required (B) experience. No substitution will be permitted for the required (C) experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Based on assignment, possession of a current and valid Massachusetts Class D Motor Vehicle Operator's License.

An Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action Employer. Females, minorities, veterans, and persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Official Title: Regional Planner IV

Primary Location: United States-Massachusetts-Boston-1 Winter Street

Job: Planning

Agency: Department of Environmental Protection

Schedule: Full-time

Shift: Day

Job Posting: Nov 7, 2018, 3:19:58 PM

Number of Openings: 1

Salary: 66,213.68 - 96,567.64 Yearly

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Bargaining Unit: 09-MOSES - Engineers/Scientists

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