



Job Announcement

20230437 Natural Resources Technician I – Vegetation Management

CLOSING DATE: Open Until Filled

APPLY ONLINE AT [LONGMONTCOLORADO.GOV/JOBS](https://longmontcolorado.gov/jobs)

Department: External Services

Division: Parks & Natural Resources

2024 Hiring Range: \$28.05 - \$31.17/hour

November to March: Monday – Friday, 7:00am – 3:30pm

March to November: Tuesday – Friday, 6:00am – 4:30pm

Some weekends required.

Regular Full-time with Benefits

Benefits include: Medical, Dental, Vision, Flex Spending, Defined Benefit Pension Plan, 401(a) Money Purchase Plan, Life & Survivor, Term Life & AD&D, Long Term Disability, Bereavement, Jury & Witness Duty, FMLA, Military Leave, Sick, Vacation, Holiday pay, EAP, Tuition Assistance.

Other benefits: Optional, employee elected, voluntary benefits are available.

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Definition:

This is an entry-level position within a career series job classification that receives training on and performs a wide variety of semi-skilled and skilled tasks related to vegetation management, wildlife management and grounds maintenance of open space, nature areas, greenways, and other City owned lands with natural resource values.

Principal Duties:

Non-Technical:

- Service Oriented, Positive Attitude, Helpful.
- Trustworthy, Adheres to Ethics & Regulations.
- Collaborative, Team Oriented, Interacts Respectfully.
- Productive, Takes Initiative, Meets Deadlines, Achieves Results.
- Safe & Manages Risks to Minimize Incidents.
- Build effective working relationships with co-workers, and communicate and collaborate with contractors, vendors and customers.
- Critically analyze operations and equipment performance and implement effective responses.
- Work with staff in other Divisions to deliver shared work or to complete cross-Division work assignments.
- Anticipate possible problems and consequences of situations and make decisions or take necessary steps to solve problems.
- Adhere to applicable standards, protocols and operating plans.
- Demonstrate a general curiosity about the job, and conduct research and technology reviews, and share information.
- Complete assigned tasks with quality and address important details.
- Success in demonstrating the above non-technical skills requires Employees to live by the City's thirteen cultural attributes in all aspects of their jobs:
 - ✓ Treats Others with Respect & Dignity
 - ✓ Embodies and Models Honesty & Integrity
 - ✓ Embodies a Spirit of Service and Sense of Pride
 - ✓ Creates/Promotes a Work Environment Where it is Enjoyable to Come to Work
 - ✓ Engages in Frequent, Meaningful & Direct Communication; Closes all Loops
 - ✓ Holds Self and Others Accountable
 - ✓ Fosters Creativity & Innovation
 - ✓ Fosters Opportunities for Authentic Team Work
 - ✓ Encourages and Supports Decision Making & Taking Action
 - ✓ Supports Work Life Balance
 - ✓ Acknowledges & Appreciates Each Employee's Significance
 - ✓ Recognizes & Supports Leadership Skills and Qualities Among All
 - ✓ Supports Employee Development & Training

Technical:

- Control noxious and other invasive weeds utilizing integrated weed management techniques including mapping, monitoring, mowing, clipping, and pulling. Also mixing, loading, and applying herbicides using motorized and/or hand-held equipment.
- Coordinate weed control, wildlife management, and re-vegetation efforts with other City Divisions and workgroups and external partners.

- Perform native re-vegetation including seeding native plants using a seed drill or broadcast methods and planting, watering, and protecting native trees and shrubs. This task also includes plant propagation, native seed collection and maintenance and upkeep of the City's native greenhouse and nursery.
- Assists with vegetation mapping, surveying, and monitoring including drafting reports.
- Operate, maintain, and perform minor repairs on equipment and vehicles, such as hand tools, mowers, trucks, skidsteers, forklifts, trailers, tractors, sprayers, seed drills, weed whips, chainsaws, etc.
- Assists with wildlife management including lethal control of prairie dogs, prairie dog relocations, prairie dog barrier installation and maintenance, mapping and monitoring of various terrestrial and aquatic wildlife populations.
- Utilize GPS units and ArcGIS software to map and monitor populations of weeds, native vegetation and wildlife.
- Follow requirements and regulations of local, county, state, and federal weed control programs, including all requirements relevant to pesticide storage, mixing, application, and disposal.
- Provide notification to at-risk public prior to pesticide application, and follow re-entry regulations after application.
- Record and maintain appropriate records and reports as required by the City, Federal, and State agencies.
- Assist with the development of operating plans and procedures.
- May assist parks and forestry maintenance crews in maintenance projects including snow removal, the use of hand and power tools and the operation of heavy equipment.
- Respond to public contacts in a courteous and professional manner.
- Perform work in a safe manner and comply with pertinent safety standards and procedures, traffic laws, and traffic control methods.
- Assist contractors and City approved service providers for operation, maintenance, planning, and constructions projects as assigned.
- Assist with prescribed fire projects on City-owned properties while collaborating with City of Longmont Fire Department personnel. These activities require Federal Wildland Certification and required CEUs.
- Assist with identifying capital equipment needs and developing specifications and cost estimates for equipment purchases.

Working Environment:

Work is performed outside most of the time, under varying and extreme weather conditions. Work includes exposure to noise, sun, insects, fumes, noise, dust, pollen, gases and oils, solvents and chemicals, including a variety of herbicides and pesticides. Work requires considerable physical effort including lifting and carrying up to 50 pounds, bending, stooping, kneeling, climbing, pulling, pushing, walking, and standing for extended periods of time. Coordination of eyes, hands, legs, and body is needed. Work requires ability to read and understand herbicide labels, material safety data sheets, and equipment manuals, and ability to perform written

record-keeping. Must be able to work alone or in a group on multiple concurrent tasks with frequent customer contact. Must be able to occasionally work overtime, holidays, weekends, nights, and adjusted schedules as needed. Incumbents in this position must be able to meet the physical requirements necessary to do the job.

Obtaining and maintaining Wildland Firefighting Type II certification requires ability to annually pass the arduous work capacity test (aka Pack Test) which requires being able to complete a 3-mile hike on level terrain with a 45-pound pack in 45 minutes or less without running.

Qualifications:

A combination of education and experience equivalent to two years of college level coursework in natural resource management or related field or two or more years of work experience in natural resource management. At least four years of college level course work or other technical training in natural resource management or related field is preferred.

Special Qualifications:

- Possession of a valid Colorado Driver's License.
- Ability to obtain and maintain a Colorado Department of Agriculture Certified Operator Pesticide Applicators License in the categories of Rangeland, Industrial and Right-of-Way, Aquatic, Turf and Ornamental within four months of hire.
- Ability to obtain Qualified Supervisor license and add categories as needed. Existing license is preferred.
- Ability to obtain and maintain Wildland Firefighting Type II certification within one year of hire for the purposes of assisting with prescribed fire operations.
- Completion of or ability to complete community first aid, CPR/AED, ATV training, and defensive driving training within one year of hire.

We're committed to building a team that reflects the diversity of the communities we serve. The City may consider an equivalent combination of knowledge, skills, education, and experience to meet minimum qualifications, and encourages all candidates to apply and help us achieve our goal of creating an inclusive and equitable workplace.

Selection

The selection process will include complete job description review, personal interview, physical abilities testing, background investigation, criminal background check, and substance screening.

DEADLINE: Open Until Filled

An ONLINE APPLICATION is required. This job is Open Until Filled. The online application process is available for this position on our website at www.longmontcolorado.gov/jobs. Resumes will be accepted in lieu of the full City Application; however, they must be submitted via the City application site for consideration. **Open Until Filled positions may close without advance notice. To be considered, please apply as soon as possible.** For more information, call (303) 651-8609.

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