



TOWN OF ABINGDON

Outdoor Parks and Recreation Horticulturist

The Town of Abingdon is currently receiving applications for the position of Full Time Horticulturist in the Grounds Maintenance division of the Parks and Recreation Department. Salary is DOQ.

Principle Responsibilities:

- Establishes and maintains high horticultural standards and practices; providing direction, training and motivation for the horticultural staff, interns and volunteers
- Is a hands-on leader, actively working in the daily horticultural tasks
- Manages and supports overall plant health and soil nutrition strategies for all gardens to include sustainable gardening practices and integrated pest management in the outdoor and indoor gardens
- Establishes and oversees a systematic plant records policy, in coordination with Town of Abingdon master plan, mission, and strategies
- Assists with department budgets, budget monitoring, strategic planning, and any horticultural capital projects as needed
- Works as part of a cross-departmental team which identifies, solicits, and cultivates the overall program for the Town
- Maintains inventory of propagation and growing equipment and supplies, and orders additional materials as needed
- Develops, maintains, and promotes positive and professional relationships with internal staff, volunteers, members, vendors, contractors, media, and the general public
- Maintains department records

Licenses/Certifications:

- Must have a State of Virginia Pesticide Applicators License for turf, ornamentals, greenhouse and aquatic pest management (or obtain within 6 months)
- Must possess a valid driver's license

Education and Experience

- Bachelors degree in horticulture, botany, natural sciences or a related field
- Minimum of three years experience as a professional horticulturist
- Minimum of two years experience in management position
- Demonstrated knowledge of plants native to Southwest Virginia

Please submit your application and resume via the Town of Abingdon website no later than 5:00pm Friday June 2, 2017. <http://www.abingdon-va.gov/employment.html>

The Town of Abingdon is an Equal Opportunity Employer; women and minorities are encouraged to apply.