Locations – various locations across Ohio

The Ohio Division of Forestry’s mission is to promote and apply management for the sustainable use of public and private forest lands. Our team works together on this shared mission across program areas. Field foresters are assigned one main program area but assist in other programs periodically.

**Land Management Forester**
Assists land management activities for multiple benefits on state forests. Ohio has 24 state forests covering more than 200,000 acres, mostly located in southeastern Ohio. State Forests are certified by both FSC and SFI. The land management team performs stand inventories and silvicultural prescriptions, marks timber, and administers timber sales throughout the year. Foresters also participate in wildfire suppression, prescribed burning, and recreation planning. GPS, GIS, and familiarity with forest inventory software are key skills.

**State Service Forester & NRCS Service Forester**
State Service Foresters assist private landowners with forest management planning and practice implementation. The forester will have multiple counties assigned as the primary service forester, where they provide forestry assistance to landowners on all cooperative forestry programming (Call Before You Cut/timber marketing, forestland property tax reduction programs, information and education activities, USDA Farm Bill programs). The NRCS service forester position focuses on the delivery of USDA Farm Bill programs (EQIP, CSP, CRP) to landowners over a broad region and also provide general service forestry assistance in at least one county.

**Urban Forester**
Urban Foresters provide community officials and allied agencies with the organizational and technical assistance to effectively manage trees and the land on which they grow to meet the community’s local needs. They provide direct technical assistance to communities on urban tree management, tree commission formation, tree ordinances, and best management practices. Urban foresters also help administer grants to local governments and organize annual conferences and trainings to help communities implement their urban forest management programs.

**Qualifications Required**
Core coursework leading to a bachelor’s degree in Forestry, 12 months training or experience in computer software, 12 months experience in public relations (coursework can substitute)

**Salary and Benefits**
Salary and benefits for the State of Ohio are competitive compared to most state and federal agencies. Forester salary is Pay Range 30 in the State of Ohio system. Pay starts at $46,072/year and extends to $59,904/year at step 7. Benefits include public employees’ retirement, health insurance, life insurance, dental and vision, and wellness.

**Interested?**
Applicants should visit the State of Ohio’s Job Postings at: careers.ohio.gov, click on "Search for State Government Jobs" button, and filter by Job Field = Forestry to find Division of Forestry jobs.

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