



The King Conservation District is seeking a qualified

Engineer

With Natural Resources, Environmental, or Agricultural Experience

Annual Salary: \$78,113 - \$87,947 six step salary range.

The District offers a comprehensive benefits package which includes medical and dental, paid at 100% of the cost for the employee, a nominal life insurance policy with the option to increase coverage at the employee's expense, and participation in the State of Washington's Retirement System (PERS).

Position Overview

This position provides engineering services on the behalf of the King Conservation District to urban and rural landowners and small agricultural operations throughout King County. The Conservation District is located in Renton, WA. Working in the field approximately 50% of the time, this employee must be flexible, possess strong written and verbal communication skills, be able to work independently, and work collaboratively with a wide range of stakeholders. Employee is responsible for establishing partnerships with a wide range of conservation professionals and landowners to implement conservation plans and practices on private and public property; representing the District with the King County Agricultural Drainage Assistance Program (ADAP) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) on assisting rural landowners and farmers in ditching and dredging maintenance to protect fisheries and water quality resources; and coordinating conservation services in support of landowner implemented conservation plans and practices with other District staff, natural resource management agencies, engineering professionals, and contractors. Examples of the types of projects this professional will be responsible for include designing and managing freshwater and marine aquatic area restoration projects, and coordinating the District BASE (Best Applicable Science and Engineering) Initiative.

Essential Duties

The following list represents some of the duties that are routinely performed by the District's engineer:

Operate as the principal in managing engineering related projects to include design, budget preparation, ensure that applicable regulatory permits are secured, oversee projects through to implementation, manage budgetary obligations, evaluate and assess the outcome/results of the projects, prepare final reports and assessment documentation;

- Conduct construction evaluations to ensure project specifications are met and in accordance with structural and regulatory standards;
- Manage the work of other engineers, contractors, and conservation professionals and direct the progress of the project to achieve District standards/goals;

- Perform field assessments and surveys for District water quality protection and enhancement projects, fish and wildlife habitat enhancement projects, and drainage ditches and structural projects such as water and waste storage ponds and underground water mainlines on agricultural lands;
- Respond to and evaluate field problems and develop an action plan for how the District will assist the landowner in resolving the problems;
- Evaluate and the ability to develop alternative solutions and perform the analysis needed to produce projects that resolve problems and contribute to overall environmental goals;
- Develop interactive partnerships with other industry related organizations, conservation organizations, governmental entities, and elected officials;
- Work collaboratively with a very diverse population, using educational concepts and values along with persuasive skills to present information to non-technical audiences;
- Share a vision and passion for valuing the importance of environment and conservation;
- Emphasize project management/budget management, & water resources management.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's Degree in Engineering, with knowledge and experience in natural resources, environmental, agricultural, hydrological, geological, and/or ecological engineering.
- Five years or progressively responsible experience in managing engineering projects specific to environmental, agriculture, stream/waterway, or fisheries;
- Comfortable using computer programs such as Auto CAD and Arc View, prior experience interpreting maps and aerial photographs is highly desirable;
- Extensive experience working collaboratively with several stakeholders reflective of a very diverse population and a demonstrated ability to work as a part of a team;
- A wide range of experience working closely with stream and habitat restoration projects is desired;
- Knowledge of current agricultural land use practices and working knowledge of fisheries, geology, and hydrology is desired;
- Must possess a professional engineer (PE) license within the State of Washington, or be a certified engineer in training (EIT) with 5 years of experience under the supervision of a licensed PE and be able to secure a PE license during the October 2009 testing cycle
- Must be able to travel throughout King County, WA

Key Essential Functions

- Work under tight deadlines, manage conflicting demands, while successfully operating in an ever-changing work environment
- Must be willing to an occasional weekend and/or evening
- Must be able to travel to various locations throughout the state and county
- Must be able to lift 50 pounds
- Must possess a valid Washington State Driver's License
- Must be able to consistently apply appropriate safety practices



To Apply

Submit a resume and a letter of interest outlining your job skills and qualifications for this position to jobs@kingcd.org. **Position will remain open until filled.**

