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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT PROMOTION/TRANSFER

VACANCY:

Watershed Maintainer

Full Time – 40 Hour Work Week

SALARY:

34F \$29.87 – \$38.22 per hour (hired before 7/1/2009)

\$29.87 - \$37.48 per hour (hired after 7/1/2009)

NATURE OF WORK:

IMPORTANT – Please read attached job description.

QUALIFICATIONS:

High school graduate or the equivalent. Must possess a CDL Class B with air brakes. Must possess State of Connecticut Distribution Operator I certification. Considerable experience in the operation and maintenance of varied construction equipment, or any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides a demonstrated potential for performing the duties of the position.

HOW TO APPLY:

Email your application/transfer form to

humanresources@meridenct.gov. Applications for

Promotion/Transfer are also available in the Human Resources

Department. Office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

LAST DATE TO APPLY: Monday, August 17, 2026

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Watershed Maintainer

General Statement of Duties:

This work engaged in activities related to or incidental to the operation of moderately complex construction equipment and is skilled manual labor of a somewhat hazardous nature in the trimming and removal of trees and chipping of stumps; and the operation of heavy, complex maintenance and construction equipment requiring unusual care and skill in operation.

Work assignments of a repetitive nature may be performed with considerable independence. New and difficult work assignments are outlined in more detail and are performed under direct supervision of a foreman. Work also involves using a high degree of skill and manipulative ability in moving, placing, and smoothing materials, expeditiously and to protect fellow workers from injury and equipment damage.

Supervision Received:

Work is performed under the general supervision of the Operations Supervisor and/or the direction of the Equipment Operator III/Crew leader.

Supervision Exercised:

Direct and coordinate lower level workers as assigned.

Illustrative Duties:

May serve as a substitute on heavier equipment such as motor patrol, grader, heavy road roller, bulldozer, shovel, snow loader and the like.

Trims and removes dried, broken or otherwise undesirable brushes, limbs or entire trees; uses power saws, chain saws, axes and a variety of other tools and equipment in trimming and felling trees such as a pole saw, pole pruner, chipper, cherry picker and operates stump king.

Drives truck, cable and braces as occasion demands, plants trees, maintain tools and equipment.

Inspects equipment, materials and supplies and maintains stock records.

Service and makes minor repairs and adjustments to assigned equipment; reports need for major maintenance repairs; assists mechanics in repair work.

Cleans, repairs and builds sludge storage lagoons.

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Illustrative Duties: (cont.)

Assist in the treatment of reservoirs.

Hauls lagoon sludge to disposal points.

Performs related work as required.

Minimum Qualifications:

None.

Knowledge, Skill and Abilities:

Considerable knowledge of the hazards and safety precautions applicable to the work performed.

Thorough knowledge of operations, maintenance, adaptabilities and limitations of the particular equipment to which assignment is made.

Thorough knowledge of the component parts, operating principles, and maintenance needs of specialized maintenance and construction equipment.

Thorough knowledge of traffic laws and safety regulations governing automotive equipment operations.
Considerable knowledge of OSHA regulations.

Thorough knowledge of the occupational hazards involved and the safety precautions necessary to the proper operation of heavy construction and maintenance equipment.

Considerable knowledge of trimming methods and techniques; skill in the use and care of ropes, rigging and tools commonly used in tree trimming operations; ability to climb and work at heights, sometimes in precarious positions; ability, strength and endurance as required of the job.

Some skill in operation/maintenance of reservoir gate houses, spillway and other properties.

Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions, and to prepare required reports.

Ability to operate a motor boat for reservoir treatment and the like.

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Knowledge, Skill and Abilities:

Physical strength and ability sufficient to operate heavy equipment over rough terrain occasionally under adverse weather conditions.

Must be able to walk up and down stairs and navigate in narrow areas.

EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:

High school graduate or the equivalent. Must possess a commercial drivers license Class B with air brakes and State of Connecticut Distribution Operator I certification. Considerable experience in the operation and maintenance of varied construction equipment, OR, any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides a demonstrated potential for performing the duties of the position.

This job description is not, nor is it intended to be, a complete statement of all duties, functions and responsibilities which comprise this position.