

**DEPARTMENT:** PARKS  
**CLASSIFICATION:** NON-COMPETITIVE  
**APPROVED:** AUGUST 8, 2012

### **GROUNDSKEEPER - PARKS**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** Incumbents are responsible for the maintenance of County Park grounds, lawns, recreational areas and facilities. This work requires the operation of motorized equipment. Direct supervision is received from an assigned superior who assigns and inspects work. Does related work as required.

#### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

1. Operates a variety of motorized equipment, such as tractors, mowers, graders, rollers, and snowplows, in order to maintain park grounds and recreational areas;
2. Maintains park grounds by mowing grass, trimming hedges and performing general landscaping work such as pruning trees, planting flowers, and maintaining flowerbeds;
3. Cleans park grounds, recreational areas, and restrooms;
4. Makes minor repairs to buildings and equipment;
5. Keeps ball-field and wading pool in usable condition;
6. Assists in the construction of fireplaces, tables, new piers, and other facilities.

#### **FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Working knowledge of grounds maintenance activities; working knowledge of the operation of motorized equipment used in the maintenance of parks, lawns, and grounds; ability to operate commercial grade motorized equipment used in the grounds maintenance activities; ability to adhere to safety precautions when operating potentially harmful tools and/or equipment; ability to follow written and oral instructions; willingness to perform routine, sometimes strenuous, manual work; physical endurance; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

#### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma **and** one (1) year of full-time paid experience in large-scale grounds maintenance work which involved the operation of commercial grade motorized equipment **and** six (6) months verifiable, paid experience in snowplowing with a pickup truck.

#### **NOTE:**

Education in gardening or landscaping may be used to equate to required experience. One (1) month of education or training is equal to one (1) month of experience.

#### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:**

Must possess a valid New York State Drivers License at the time of appointment and throughout employment.