



LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

Overview:

StormWorks is an innovative fee-for-service program of the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association (NMR), located in Pittsburgh's east end, designed to support the restoration and protection of the Nine Mile Run watershed by providing the highest quality sustainable stormwater management products and services possible; these services are also available throughout Allegheny County, with the income from projects outside the watershed supporting all of our programs. StormWorks offers property consultations, rain barrels, rain gardens, native landscapes, and other stormwater management and sustainable landscape solutions. The awareness of and need for these solutions has never been greater, as our average annual rainfall increases, Consent Decree compliance progresses, and municipalities and authorities, including PWSA, begin to institute stormwater fees.

Position Summary:

The StormWorks Landscape Architect develops, leads, and manages all StormWorks landscape projects that utilize the StormWorks Field Crew as well as projects that involve outside consultants and contractors. The Landscape Architect utilizes their proven experience and high level of expertise in all phases of the project including: the initial client consultation, consultation reporting, and project estimating; all phases of the design process; and proposal and budget management. This is an opportunity for a dynamic and creative individual to play a major role in a unique program with a high degree of independence.

Minimum Requirements:

Bachelor's Degree in Landscape Architecture, Landscape Contracting, or related degree and four (4) years of related experience in landscape design and construction. Experience designing and implementing rain gardens and green infrastructure projects is a must. An advanced degree in Landscape Architecture is preferred.

Duties:

- Meet with potential clients while conducting stormwater property consultations.
- Develop project concepts and solutions based on initial property consultation.
- Plan and design StormWorks landscape and green infrastructure projects.
- Prepare and manage budgets and project scopes for all StormWorks designed projects.
- Collaborate with engineering and design professionals; seek opportunities for StormWorks to partner on teams for larger projects.
- Ensure compliance with approved design standards to provide quality design, to ensure safety and functionality of the landscape or best management practice throughout its life cycle.

Requires Knowledge of:

- Designing residential landscapes
- Working with engineers and/or contractors to design and construct large-scale and/or civic landscape projects.
- Plant material suitable to the mid-Atlantic region and native species landscape design.
- Sustainable landscape construction, installation, and maintenance techniques.
- Regional stormwater policies and practices.
- Strong understanding of industry costs and can draw from experience on previous projects of similar size and scope of work.
- Strong graphic design skills, and able to present clients with colored renderings.
- Experience with hydraulic analysis, stormwater basin sizing, and other stormwater management technical methods of appropriately siting and sizing green stormwater infrastructure.

And Ability to:

- Transform design concepts to presentation quality drawings using creative problem-solving skills.
- Effectively communicate with clients, coworkers, and vendors.
- Use AutoCAD, Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, and hand-drawn graphics to produce quality client plans and designs.
- Manage client relationships and communication.
- Work collaboratively with Nine Mile Run staff and community partners.
- Closely track time and billable hours to projects and clients.
- Accurately create cost estimates for projects throughout all phases of the design.
- Experience assessing projects and assigning appropriate amount of design hours for design proposals. Able to be efficient and complete design within the allotted design hours.

Reporting: The Landscape Architect reports to the Assistant Director.

Compensation: Range for this role is \$60,000 to \$70,000 depending on qualifications and depth of experience. Nine Mile Run/StormWorks offers a competitive complete benefits package. For an exceptional candidate, negotiation is possible. Please send salary requirements with application.

Other information: The Landscape Architect will travel to client sites throughout Allegheny County. Access to reliable transportation is necessary as company trucks are frequently fully utilized for installations. Some evening and weekend hours may be required in order to perform consultations at a time suitable for the client. May spend time in the field in various weather conditions as needed.

To apply:

Send resume, cover letter, and samples of design work to Michael Hiller, Assistant Director at mike@ninemilerun.org. Rolling applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The final date to submit an application is March 10th. Interviews will take place on a rolling basis.

NMRWA is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived race, religion, age, sexual orientation, disability, or any other basis covered by federal law. We encourage applicants from all backgrounds and are actively seeking to diversify our staff.