

WORKING AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Diverse Careers for a Diverse State



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Conservation

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is a rewarding place to work, offering exciting careers at all education and skill levels. Interested in science, engineering, law, education, or administration? We have jobs in those fields and many more. Working here isn't just about protecting woods and wildlife. Our employees work in big cities as well as remote mountains. New York's population is diverse and our goal is to reflect that diversity. If you want a career where your skills and education are what matter most, read on to learn more.

Environmental Engineers

Environmental Engineers work in areas like pollution prevention; water resources management and pollution control; wastewater treatment; air pollution control; remediation of contaminants; solid waste management; hazardous substances regulation and management; chemical spill prevention and emergency response; and building and recreational facility maintenance, design and construction.

Engineering Geologists

Engineering Geologists perform field survey work; analyze rock cores, soils and aggregates; interpret geological data and report findings; evaluate hydrogeologic, groundwater, water supply, and solid and hazardous waste disposal site investigations and programs; and assist in field and laboratory analysis of complex geological problems.



Biologists

Ecology Biologists evaluate the impact of pollutants on entire ecosystems, recommending how they can be reduced or eliminated. Aquatic Biologists protect and manage freshwater fisheries, analyzing and recommending ways to reduce or eliminate pollution and restore polluted areas. Marine Biologists do similar work in NY's saltwater habitats. Wildlife Biologists inventory wildlife; monitor its health and diversity; develop management programs; analyze projects likely to affect wildlife; and provide access to wildlife for appreciation and enjoyment.

Foresters

Foresters apply forestry science to the management, development and protection of timber lands, the reforestation of state and private land, and the recreational use of forests; they coordinate pesticide use on state land; give technical advice to landowners about forest management; determine the impact of development on forests; and inform the public and industry about forest management and products marketing.

Environmental Analysts

Environmental Analysts manage a broad range of projects that integrate environmental factors into government decision making; they conduct environmental impact assessments and interdisciplinary environmental and regulatory reviews; interact with government agencies and the public on environmental review and permitting procedures; and use computer programs to manage, track and schedule review activities.

Environmental Conservation Officers

Environmental Conservation Officers enforce Environmental Conservation Law, protecting both people and the environment; they investigate and document both state and federal environmental crimes and violations; and meet with schools, service groups, businesses, and hunter and angler groups to educate them about Environmental Conservation Law and why it's needed.

Forest Rangers

Forest Rangers enforce Environmental Conservation Law and protect NY's lands, natural resources, and the people who use them; they organize and conduct search and rescue operations; educate the public in wilderness safety and natural-resource care; administer NY's wild land fire-management program, including preventing and fighting wildfires and supervising prescribed burns.



Attorneys

Attorneys provide legal advice and support to DEC staff to fulfill the agency's statutory responsibilities; they advise on all legal requirements related to DEC's programs and activities; enforce environmental laws and regulations; work closely with environmental conservation officers and rangers; represent DEC in environmental permit and enforcement proceedings; assist staff in developing and implementing regulations; and advise staff on legislative proposals.

Environmental Educators

Environmental Educators train camp counselors, teachers and volunteers in ways they can teach and inspire people to enjoy and care about the environment; they prepare and carry out educational and interpretive programs on managing and protecting resources; prepare multi-media and written teaching materials; and conduct educational programs for adult and school audiences.

Administrators

Like any complex agency, DEC offers a variety of positions in administrative support roles, including Accountants, Administrative Analysts, Training and Development Specialists, Budgeting Analysts, Citizen Participation Specialists, Editors/Writers, Information Technology Specialists, and Personnel Administrators.

How to Get Started

Permanent employment with New York State often requires that you pass a civil service examination in your field. Please visit the NYS Department of Civil Service website www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker for more information on civil service exams.

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