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|  | County of AnokaEmployment Opportunity**An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer****Apply online at: www.anokacounty.us** |
| Opening Date: February 13, 2017Closing Date: Continuous | **Salary: $10.50 - $11.50 Hourly****Job # : S12027**  |
|  **SEASONAL NATURAL RESOURCES TECHNICIAN Include responses to Supplemental Questions with the application no later than 4:30 p.m. on the closing date of the position. Resumes not accepted.**This position involves applying best management practices in maintaining and restoring the urban forest, prairie, oak savanna, wetlands, throughout the 11,000 acre Anoka County Park System. Areas of emphasis will include invasive species control, seed collection and propagation, identification and removal of diseased trees (Dutch elm disease and oak wilt), planting of native forbs and grasses, assisting in wildlife surveys and habitat production, water quality sampling and various horticultural based activities. |
| **EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL DUTIES (ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY):**1. Implement native seed collections; properly identify plant species for seed collection and propagation. 2. Removal of garlic mustard, buckthorn and other invasive species utilizing hand, mechanical, and chemical removal techniques.3. Identification and removal of diseased trees to include oak wilt, Dutch elm disease, and emerald ash borer; utilization of GPS systems for marking infection centers. 4. Planting, pruning, and watering of trees; maintenance of groomed landscapes to include installation of mulch, watering, planting, and fertilizing of perennials and shrubs.5. Ability to conduct a multitude of natural resources related tasks including but not limited to: biocontrol agent collection, monitoring and dispersal, aquatic vegetation management, prescribed burns, vegetation removal, and field surveys.  |
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| **REQUIREMENTS:****WORKING CONDITIONS: 95% Field; 5% Office or Shop** Employee will be required to do sustained physical work in all weather conditions. Position functions require ability to manually transport awkward loads over short distances, walk through rough terrain, and operate a variety of mechanical and power equipment related to natural resources management. Employee will be required to use his/her personal vehicle on the job, if no other county vehicle is available. **WORK HOURS:** 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday**DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:** 1. Upper level student or recent graduate in a degree program in biology, natural resources management, forestry, horticulture, park management or a closely related field, or a combination of equivalent knowledge gained through work experience. 2. Ability to effectively operate a variety of mechanical and power tools and equipment.3. Ability to develop and maintain effective working relationships with other county employees, volunteer groups, park visitors, and natural resource professionals.5. Ability to conduct field surveys maintaining accurate notes and utilizing GPS equipment.4. Must be able to work independently and complete assigned duties in a productive and efficient manner. Anoka County complies with the Americans With Disabilities Act. (TDD-for hearing impaired 763-323-5544). If you need an accommodation because of a disability, or have further questions regarding the application process, please call Human Resources at 763-323-5525. |

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