Title: Horticulturist 2

Essential Function

Under general supervision from a grounds maintenance superintendent or higher-level administrator, plan, coordinate and participate in implementation of horticultural projects and programs; act as lead worker over skilled and unskilled employees involved in horticultural projects and provide consultation and information services on horticultural matters.

Characteristic Duties

1. Plan, coordinate and participate in implementation of horticultural projects and programs (e.g., plant propagation; landscape development; care, disease control and maintenance; pesticide application; soil conservation; develop contract programs; prepare cost estimates, specifications and bids; tests water, seed and soil samples; maintain accurate records on activities and inspections; order supplies and materials; establish departmental policy on horticultural matters.

2. Assist with snow removal; operate grounds equipment.

3. Act as lead worker (i.e., provide work direction and training) over skilled and unskilled employees involved in horticultural projects (e.g., conduct training sessions for employees; make field inspections and monitor work in progress)

4. Perform a variety of miscellaneous related duties (e.g., general maintenance of grounds equipment, cleans and stores equipment and flower boxes; assist in preparation of supply requisitions for grounds equipment and make recommendations on types and quantity of purchases; order supplies such as seeds, plants, sprays and tools.

5. Perform variety of consultation, research and information oriented services (e.g., provide advice and information for administration, contractors, students, engineers, public officials and/or general public on horticultural matters; establish and maintain experimental areas within district concerning soil erosion control, herbicidal spraying, soil sterilant, weeds, landscape planting; assist with research in horticultural areas such as weather, weeds, plant growth, materials, methods and equipment); maintain photo documentation; computer records, written documentation, pesticide use records and inventory information.

6. Perform related duties based on departmental need.

Unusual Working Conditions

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**Minimum Qualifications**

- Completion of undergraduate major program core coursework in horticulture as required by technical school, college or university; or one (1) year work experience as Horticulturist 1; or 18 months work experience in grounds maintenance and art of growing flowers and ornamental plants. Commercial Applicator License is required in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 921.06 Ohio Department of Agriculture and Federal regulations. Must have a current valid driver's license with an acceptable driving record.

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