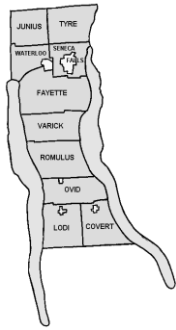


SENECA COUNTY

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CIVIL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



CONSERVATION DISTRICT TECHNICIAN Exam Number 62567

VACANCIES: At present there is one vacancy in the Seneca County Soil & Water Conservation District. This eligible list will be used to fill this and future vacancies as they occur in Seneca County.

RESIDENCY: Candidates must have been legal residents of Seneca County or one of the six contiguous counties for one month preceding the date of the written test. Preference in appointment may be given to successful candidates who have been legal residents of Seneca County for at least one month prior to the date of certification and are residents of Seneca County at the time of appointment

SALARY: Salary as set by the Seneca County Soil & Water Conservation District

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and EITHER:

1. Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered four-year college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in Natural Resources Conservation, Water Resources, Agricultural Engineering, Environmental Science, the Physical Sciences, Engineering or a related field; OR
2. Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered two year college with an Associate's Degree in Natural Resources Conservation, Water Resources, Agricultural Engineering, Civil Engineering, Environmental Technology, Environmental Science, the Physical Sciences, Engineering or a related field, and one year experience in construction, land surveying, natural resource protection, engineering, conservation, or a related field, OR
3. An equivalent combination of training and experience as set by the limits of (1) and (2) above.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT:

Possession of a valid New York State Operator's license at the time of appointment and maintenance of such license throughout the tenure of employment in the position.

Please apply online at <https://seneca-portal.mycivilservice.com/jobopps>

Examination To Be Held:
March 16, 2019

Applications Accepted Up To:
February 8, 2019

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only):

Work with landowners & local Tax assessors to complete *Ag Value Assessments* (soil group worksheets) using ArcGIS program.

Work closely with County, Town and Village *Highway Departments and Municipalities*. Provides guidance, recommendations, surveys and designs for drainage, erosion and permitting issues.

Assists district staff with District *Hyrdoseeding* Program.

Acts as a liaison between the NYS DEC officials, Army Corps of Engineers and other regulatory agencies, local municipalities, landowners, and contractors. Including *permit application guidance* and assistance for lakeshore bulkheads, docks, wetlands, and streambank stabilization projects.

Coordinates and monitors the mowing and maintenance of *County Drainage Projects*.

Provides technical and administrative support to District such as *soil interpretation and aerial photos utilizing ArcGIS, newsletters, District Tree and Shrub Program, prepare District displays and presentations, Conservation Tours and Workshops*.

Actively seeks *grants* to fund related projects, writes grant proposals, and implements and administers associated grant deliverables.

Represents the District on various *committees* associated with water quality, or other interests of the District. Including but not limited to County Water Quality Committee, various lake associations and watershed groups, Regional and local Planning Committees and Highway Associations.

Assists with the District's *Agricultural Environmental Management* Program (AEM), including completing surveys, designs, and implementation of conservation practices such as ponds, dry hydrants, drainage ditches, grassed waterways, drainage tile, erosion control measures and other water quality related practices.

Assists in overseeing the District's *Weed Harvesting* program which includes monitoring of weed growth, working with seasonal staff that operate the weed harvesters and coordination of local and volunteer groups that conduct hand pulling.

Attends professional *training*, such as the Annual Water Quality Symposium, Conservation Skills Workshops, and other local and state workshops as required.

Complete other duties as assigned by the Conservation District Manager

VETERANS CREDITS: Veterans or disabled veterans (including some current armed forces personnel) desiring to claim additional credit must make application for such additional credit at the time they make application for examination or at any time between the date of application for examination and the date of the establishment of the resulting eligible list. Your eligibility will be determined after we receive this completed application and a copy of your DD214. Candidates who claim credit, but who fail to submit adequate proof of eligibility for such credit by the time the eligible list is established, cannot later be granted credit on such eligible list. **YOU MAY NOT CLAIM ADDITIONAL CREDITS AFTER THE ELIGIBLE LIST HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. IT IS THE CANDIDATE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REQUEST THE VETERANS CREDITS FORMS AND TO SUBMIT SUPPORTING PAPERWORK BEFORE THE ELIGIBLE LIST IS ESTABLISHED.**

CREDIT FOR CHILDREN OF FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY: In conformance with section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

CROSS-FILING: If you cross file for the **03/16/19** examination with more than one civil service agency, you must notify each agency in writing before the last filing date so that arrangements can be made for you to take a single written test for all jurisdictions for which you apply. Please indicate on the cross filing form obtained by clicking here: <https://seneca-portal.mycivilservice.com/Crossfile%20Form.pdf> the names of the jurisdictions

where other applications have been filed and the location where you wish to sit for this test. Failure to notify each agency may result in disqualification from one or more examinations in the series.

APPLICATION FEE: A fee of **\$10.00** is required for each separately numbered examination for which you apply. When you are applying online, complete the required fields for payment as noted. As no refund will be made, you are urged to compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements for admission and file only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified. **The required fee must accompany your on-line application, or alternatively be mailed to the Seneca County Department of Human Resources, 1 DiPronio Drive, Waterloo, NY 13165.**

Payments by check or money order must be made payable to Seneca County Finance Department with the examination number(s) written on the check or money order. Do not send cash in the mail. A \$20.00 service charge will be imposed on any checks returned to the Seneca County Finance Department. **Applications not accompanied by the application fee, or such fee is not mailed to the Seneca County Department of Human Resources, will not be processed for this examination.**

APPLICATION FEE WAIVER: A waiver of the application fee is available for individuals who are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household; or individuals who are eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments; or individuals who are receiving Public Assistance in the form of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance, or are certified eligible for Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act programs through a state or local social services agency. If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver, complete an "Application Fee Waiver Request and Certification" form at this web page: <https://seneca-portal.mycivilservice.com/Application-Fee-Waiver%20ADA.pdf> and submit it with your application.

NOTE: Religious accommodation, handicapped persons: If special arrangements for testing are required, indicate this on your application form. All qualified candidates will be notified by mail as to location of exam, time, date, etc. Also, special testing arrangements for active military members are available.

NOTE: This written examination is being prepared and rated by the NYS Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service rules, regulations dealing with the rating of examinations will apply to the written test.

NOTE: Unless otherwise notified, candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery powered calculators. However, devices with typewriter keyboards, 'Spell Checkers, Personal Digital Assistants, Address Books,' Language Translators, Dictionaries, or similar devices are prohibited. **Use of calculators is RECOMMENDED.**

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION:

1. To apply online, please visit <https://seneca-portal.mycivilservice.com/jobopps>
2. Before filling out your application, read the announcement for this examination carefully to determine if you clearly meet the minimum qualifications for this exam.
3. Do not interpret a notice to appear for, or actual participation in the examination, to mean that you have been found to fully meet the announced requirements. Depending on the time available before an examination, applicants may be admitted to the examination on the basis of statements made on the application or conditionally, without prior review of the application. Such statements may not be reviewed and/or verified until after the examination is held. At that time, those candidates not meeting the requirements will be disqualified and notified of such disqualification. Those candidates who are subsequently disqualified after taking the test will NOT be notified of their score.
4. Notify this agency immediately of any change of address. When writing, give the title of examination.
5. Falsification of any part of the "Application for Employment" will result in disqualification.

6. Applicants must answer every question on the application form and make sure that the application is complete in all respects. An incomplete application may result in its disapproval.
7. The candidate must complete an "Application for Employment" for each open-competitive and/or promotion examination he/she is eligible to take.
8. All experience required to meet the acceptable training and experience is full-time paid experience. (Part-time paid experience will be credited on a pro-rated basis.)
9. Appointment from an eligible list must be made from the top three candidates willing to accept appointment.

Subjects of examination: A written test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and /or abilities in the following areas:

1. Principles and practices of soil and water conservation

These questions test for knowledge of the proper methods and techniques used to facilitate land and water conservation, and may include such areas as: proper drainage and erosion control, soil types, and watershed, stream, and stream bank protection.

2. Construction and maintenance of soil and water conservation projects

These questions test for knowledge of the methods, procedures and equipment used for building and maintaining conservation projects and may include such areas as: runoff diversions; farm ponds; stream protection; and drainage and erosion control.

3. Reading and interpreting maps, plans, charts and graphs

These questions test for the ability to understand and evaluate topographic maps, site and construction plans, and various types of graphic presentations. All the information needed to answer the questions will be contained in the maps, plans, graphs, and charts or within related written descriptions.

4. Basic surveying, including computations

These questions test for knowledge of the elementary concepts, procedures, and computations involved in performing surveys of various projects and land areas.

5. Understanding and interpreting written material

These questions test for the ability to understand and interpret written material. You will be presented with brief reading passages and will be asked questions about the passages. You should base your answers to the questions only on what is presented in the passages and not on what you may happen to know about the topic.

You should bring with you a hand-held battery- or solar-powered calculator for use on this test. You will not be permitted to use the calculator function of your cell phone.

The New York State Department of Civil Service has not prepared a test guide for this examination. However, candidates may find information in the publication "How to take a written test" helpful in preparing for this test. This publication is available on line at: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>

POSITIVELY NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE LAST FILING DATE.
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Posting Date: **January 10, 2019**