



CINCINNATI, OHIO

SENIOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

The Cincinnati Park Board is seeking a Senior Landscape Architect to design and manage a range of park projects. This position is within the Division of Planning & Design and will work closely with the architects and engineering technicians within the division as well as interact with park operations managers, arborists and florists. Projects range from managing the design and construction process for new parks and major park improvements, to smaller renovation projects and park enhancements. Duties include serving as a liaison between the City, contractors and other related groups in order to help see a project through to completion.

All inquiries relating to the recruitment and selection process for the Parks Landscape Architect should be directed to the Parks Human Resources Department at 513-357-2613.

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cincinnati/jobs/3054274/senior-landscape-architect>

Please Note: Identities of candidates for this position are subject to public disclosure and release in accordance with the Ohio Open Records Act.

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CINCINNATI BACKGROUND

The City of Cincinnati, Ohio (population 298,800), a beautiful city with a world class Parks system, is in Hamilton County and is located at the confluence of the Licking and Ohio Rivers. With its beautiful bluffs, rolling hills and historic, vibrant downtown, Cincinnati offers an excellent quality of life for its residents, businesses and visitors. A City of 52 distinct and unique neighborhoods, each with a Community Council, Cincinnati residents are engaged with one another and with their community. Home to numerous corporate headquarters including Procter and Gamble and the Kroger Company, Cincinnati has an engaged corporate community committed to the City's economic development efforts and the development of parks.

Notably, the City's corporate community and City leaders came together in 2003 to form 3CDC, the Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation, which has led the revitalization of the City's urban core. This and other public private partnerships have led the effort in the \$47 million renovation of Washington Park, and the \$25 million expansion and renovation of Ziegler Park. The construction of condominiums and apartments and the addition of restaurants, craft breweries, shopping and other amenities has made the downtown and, in particular, the Over the Rhine neighborhood an attraction for residents and visitors.

CINCINNATI PARKS

Named one of the top five park systems in the country by the Trust for Public Land, Cincinnati Parks is a leader in public/private partnerships resulting in

the renovation and construction of highly impressive public spaces contributing significantly to the City's economic development. The Cincinnati Parks system consists of more than 5,000 acres and includes Smale Riverfront Park along the downtown riverfront, the Krohn Conservatory, Eden Park which is home to the Cincinnati Art Museum, 1,500-acre Mt. Airy Forest, 68 neighborhood parks, 33 nature preserves, and numerous other innovative and interactive amenities enjoyed by millions of visitors each year.

The Cincinnati Parks is led by a five-member Board of Park Commissioners, whose members are appointed by the Mayor with confirmation of the City Council. According to the City Charter, the Board of Park Commissioners is responsible for the appointment of Park Staff and the control and management of the parks and parkways of the City. The Cincinnati Recreation Commission is a separate entity and responsible for the city's recreation, programs, services and facilities.

The key operational divisions include Operations & Facilities, Natural Resource Management, Planning and Design, Financial Services, Human Resources, and Communications, Engagement, and Volunteers.

The position entails working with and representing Parks with Park Commissioners, city departments, governmental bodies and elected officials, civic groups, citizens, consultants and contractors, and foundations and donors. This includes the preparation and presentation of reports, plans and project information to City, contractors and other related groups in order



to see a project through to completion. Candidates should preferably have experience designing and managing construction of parks and public spaces, working with neighborhood groups, and working in or with local government. Candidates should be licensed as Landscape Architects and have knowledge of CAD, GIS and pertinent computer applications, principles and practices of landscape architecture and urban design, cost estimating and budgeting, and construction materials and methods.

Cincinnati Parks is a historic and award-winning park system comprised of over 5,000 acres, over 100 park sites and numerous gardens, scenic overlooks, decorative fountains and water features, nature preserves, miles of hiking trails, performance venues, a plant conservatory, rental facilities and public art. The park system is also responsible for the city's urban forestry program and nature education program.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION In 2020, the Cincinnati Parks system was listed as the 5th top park systems in the country by the Trust for Public Land; WalletHub recognized the City of Cincinnati as the fourth best City in the Country for Parks and Recreation; in 2018 Time.com named Washington Park the best park in the state of Ohio.

PARKS FOUNDATION Cincinnati Parks is fortunate to have an active, engaged Parks Foundation, a separate 501c3 corporation with its own 35 member Board, Executive Director and development staff. Established in 1995, the mission of the Cincinnati Parks Foundation is to "build broad-based private/public partnerships supporting the conservation and enhancement of our City's parks and greenspaces." The Parks Foundation has raised millions of dollars for a wide variety of projects and programs on behalf of the Cincinnati Parks system. The Board of Directors is a mix of corporate and community leaders all dedicated to fundraising and very passionate about Cincinnati's parks.

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

The following factors of education, experience, leadership, management style, and abilities have been identified as ideal attributes to possess in order to function effectively and achieve a high level of success in this role.

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- Each applicant must have a Bachelor's degree (four-year to six-year track) from an accredited college or university in landscape architecture. If not registered in Ohio when appointed, Ohio registration must be obtained during the probationary period.

The following are major job functions of this position:

- Project Management - Program development/determination of need, preparation of RFPs, selection of consultants, community engagement, managing the design process and managing/reviewing preparation of construction documents, bidding, and construction management. Work includes preparation of grant applications and administering grant projects.



- Project Reviews and Land Transactions - Reviews of projects impacting parks, managing land transactions including property sales/purchases, leases, easements, encroachments and rights-of-entry.
- Design - Design of smaller projects including design documentation, cost estimating and bidding/ construction administration services including green infrastructure design
- Capital Improvement Administration - Assist in developing and monitoring the capital improvement program, interacting with contractors to define project scopes, obtain cost proposals and track projects
- Park Furnishings - Management and procurement of furnishings including inventorying needs, setting standards for benches, picnic tables, trash receptacles, fencing, and signs.
- Planning/Urban Design/Architectural Consulting - Work as part of team with Planning staff, Operations, horticulturalists, natural resource manager on design and site planning
- Facility Design & Management Principles - Manage design and replacement of playgrounds, picnic areas, and other activity areas
- Accessibility Design - Manage design of accessibility improvements and walkways

SALARY The anticipated starting salary is \$76,227.78 to \$102,443.76 annually. Salary and compensation are negotiable, depending on qualifications, experience, and record of professional achievement plus an attractive benefits and retirement package.



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