



University City, Missouri
Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry

Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry, University City, MO (pop. 35,172). A beautiful and historic inner-ring suburb of St. Louis adjacent to the renowned Washington University in St. Louis, University City is a unique urban community with a strong mix of cultural, ethnic, social and economic diversity. Incorporated in 1906, University City was established with a vision of being a city of culture and fine homes.

Proud of its historic sites as well as its solid and varied residential neighborhoods, today “U City” is a family-friendly, engaged community where residents enjoy the community’s suburban and pedestrian-friendly atmosphere. In University City, citizens boast availability to urban-style services and easy accessibility to the Greater St. Louis’s recreational and cultural activities.

The Director’s position is recently recreated, reflecting that the department is now a standalone unit. It was formerly housed in public works. The Director reports to the City Manager.

The Director will manage a system that includes 17 City-owned parks of approximately 255 acres, including Heman Park, the City’s largest community park on 85 acres. The system also includes more than 100 acres of greenway space, a community center, a swimming pool, and a recreation facility. The City also owns a nine-hole golf course. The Director will oversee a workforce of more than 25 full-time and 40 part-time and seasonal workers, and a budget of more than \$3.6 million.

The City seeks a progressive and collaborative parks and recreation professional with strong financial management, human resource management, marketing, and programming skills. Ideal candidates will have:

- High energy, enthusiasm and passion;
- A bachelor’s degree in parks and/or recreation management, sports management, public administration or related field; a Master’s degree is desired;
- Experience managing enterprise-based, or self-supporting recreation programs, is a plus;
- Seven or more years of increasingly responsible experience in the management of a public parks and recreation system, or similar client-based organization, is desirable;
- Certification as a parks and recreation professional (CPRP) by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), is preferred;
- A collaborative and communicative approach to work; and
- Comfort working with an array of stakeholders and customers in a service-driven organizational culture.

Salary range: \$85,000 - \$108,000 +/- DOQ, plus an excellent benefit package. Candidates should apply online by January 14, 2019 with resume, cover letter and contact information for five work-related references to www.GovHRJobs.com to the attention of Lee Szymborski, Senior Vice President, GovHR USA, 630 Dundee Road, #130, Northbrook, IL 60062. Tel: 847-380-3240.

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