

Senior Planner (Sustainability)

Under the direction of the Planning Director and in collaboration with the Planning Department, the Senior Planner (Sustainability) is responsible for guiding and collaborating with county departments and facilities, municipalities, and businesses to promote and enact sustainable operations with a goal towards reducing Mercer County's carbon footprint.

Duties:

- Assist in preparation and implementation of an environmental sustainability plan for Mercer County government. Plan will include "greening" of county facilities and operations, research, development and implementation of sustainable practices throughout county government, including county motor fleet, purchasing practices, energy purchase and usage, educating staff on sustainable daily work practices, and other programs with the goal of reducing Mercer County Government's carbon footprint.
- Serve as a resource to agencies, departments, municipalities and organizations interested in initiating sustainability projects.
- Outreach to Mercer County businesses to provide information and guidance in implementing and/or improving their business sustainability plans and practices.
- Assist in development of strategies aimed at attracting and encouraging growth of green collar industry in Mercer County.
- Serve as Mercer County liaison to the Mercer County Sustainability Coalition – a group of green team and environmental committee members from various Mercer municipalities meeting monthly to share best practices and resources.
- Explore potential grants and other funding sources for sustainability programs; prepare funding application requests.
- Complete and submit biannual reports regarding sustainability efforts.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in urban or regional planning, architecture, or a closely related field.
- Member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and/or New Jersey Professional Planner (PP) or qualified to pursue these certifications.
- Knowledge of governmental sustainability policies, programs and best practices.
- Ability to identify and analyze information pertaining to energy audits of governmental facilities.
- Excellent research and writing skills; previous experience, whether educational or professional, in researching and/or implementing sustainability policies and practices.
- Ability to manage and administer projects and coordinate programs with departments, municipalities, organizations and other administrative offices.
- Grant writing experience a plus.
- Candidate must be a Mercer County resident within one year of permanent employment.

Education and Experience:

Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university in urban or regional planning, architecture, or a closely related field. Three to five years work experience in sustainability field, preferably including interaction with governmental entities and/or programs.