



Planning Technician Needed Summer 2022

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) is seeking to fill several planning technician positions for the summer of 2022. This dynamic position provides an opportunity to experience a breadth of planning activities, from working in the office participating in the regional planning process through analyzing demographic, spatial and transportation data, to working on site, inventorying regional infrastructure and gathering data.

The Commission assists its 23 member municipalities to provide effective local government and work cooperatively to address regional issues, such as transportation challenges and water quality improvement. More information about CVRPC is available at <http://centralvtplanning.org/>.

Major areas of work may include land use, transportation, and/or climate change planning. Specific work tasks may include:

Planning:

- Promote transportation demand management by identifying and working with regional partners to improve the reliability of the transportation network by promoting greater modal choice.
- Support RPC staff in the major update to the regional transportation plan. Work will include researching state and federal planning law, helping to facilitate public meetings and drafting text.
- Support municipalities in planning and implementing temporary and evaluative transportation-related demonstration projects.
- Support regional transportation related communications by updating subject area web pages.
- Produce GIS-based maps for to support regional plan (as skills permit).
- Verify region trail maps.

- Produce GIS-based maps for completed inventories (as skills permit), and
- Assist other staff with community engagement and public outreach related to a variety of projects.
- Other planning tasks as requested

Field work:

- Aid municipalities to inventory town highway culverts and bridges with spans less than 20 feet.
- Conduct transportation counts and infrastructure assessments to support public investments, gather data for the municipal road erosion inventories.

BENEFITS OF SERVING IN THIS POSITION

- Be a part of the regional planning process.
- Learn how data and information is used in different aspects of the planning field.
- Gain experience working in a dynamic team and on your own initiative.
- Gain experience communicating directly with municipal officials and the public.
- Participate in project and Commission meetings.
- Expand “soft skills” critical to advancement in today’s job market.

COMPENSATION

Pay is \$18.00/hour. Interns are expected to work 40 hours per week, though part-time applications will be considered. CVRPC will reimburse job-related expenses, such as mileage costs, at the allowable federal rate. Standard work week is Monday-Friday. Standard work day is 8 am – 5 pm.

DURATION

This position is expected to run from early spring through September 2022.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Interest in the planning profession and relevant planning specializations. Undergraduate students, graduate students, and new graduates are invited to apply. A degree in planning or a related field is not required for this position.
- The employee must be flexible in their scheduling and have their own means of transportation.

- Field work can include walking several miles over the course of a day and ambling down embankments to access streams or brooks.
- Must be a U.S. citizen or otherwise lawfully authorized to work in the United States.

Position open until filled. Application review begins on Monday, April 11 2022. The interview process will commence as materials are received.

To apply, email a cover letter, resume, and contact information (telephone number and email address) for three references to:

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PLANNING TECHNICIAN
Job Description

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Planning Technician position is an internship-level position. The length of the internship, hours per week, expected tasks, amount of supervision, and areas of specialization vary with each position. The position may be by stipend, paid or unpaid, and does not include any benefits except for worker's compensation coverage.

Work may be required throughout the region and attendance at evening meetings may be required. Typically, fieldwork and GIS mapping (depending on qualifications) is required.

MAJOR AREAS OF WORK

Major areas of work will vary among Planning Technicians. Major areas of work are assigned prior to the hiring/promotion process. Initial areas of work will be documented in an employment offer or employee promotion letter. Major area(s) of work will also be included as an attachment to the job description in an employee's personnel file.

The Commission may modify or add to major areas of work and/or may assign special projects or duties outside major areas based on its needs. Special projects and duties outside major areas of work typically would constitute no more than 25% of the Planning Technician's workload.

CHARACTERISTIC DUTIES

- Provide support to a team of community planners.
- Conduct field work, collect parcel data and search land records.
- Prepare maps and planning reports of limited or variable complexity.
- Pursue professional development opportunities as funding permits.

TYPICAL KNOWLEDGE

- Basic understanding of planning principles.
- Specific knowledge relating to pertinent specialty, such as affordable housing, transportation, or land use.
- Competency in various computer software programs, such as Microsoft Office and Internet applications.

TYPICAL SKILLS

- Strong written and oral communication skills.
- Strong research and analytical skills.
- Motivated self-starter able to work independently.
- Ability to work effectively in a team environment.
- Flexibility and desire to work on varying planning projects.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Interest in the planning profession and relevant planning specializations. Depending on the nature of the intended workload, the specific position may request undergraduate or graduate students. A degree in planning or a related field is not required for this position.
- The employee must be flexible in their scheduling and have their own means of transportation.
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