

Environmental Planner



Overview

If you have a vision of how cities should grow in the context of the natural world, then you may be interested in Environmental Planning. Environmental Planners are liaisons of development for the natural world. Before developers can start building a new condo, the Environmental Planner must consider the impacts on nearby wetlands or other lands that have environmental considerations.



Roles and Responsibilities

A developer has proposed a condo in the northwest part of the city. There has been a request to amend a development bylaw. This request may impede upon a protected wetland. Your responsibility is to examine the feasibility of this request. You are a collaborator who meets numerous governmental departments, developers, lawyers, scientists and other public stakeholders. Your goal is to reach common ground between these groups but that is not always possible. Bias is everywhere! You will utilize and interpret municipal policies, zoning maps, computer programs, aerial photos and other forms of data to find evidence that the development plan will not hinder the protected wetland. You will present your findings at a community event.

Skills: Problem Solver, Public Speaker, Critical Thinker, Organizer, Researcher, Negotiator, Report Writer, Communicator

Personal Interests: Policy, Nature, Community, Writing, Government, Investigation, Speaking, Development, Creativity, Regulation, Computer, Environment, Politics

Work Environment: Consultant, Public Sector, Community Centre, Various, Governments Offices

Education and Experience: University Degree in Planning, Geography, Environmental Studies or Architecture.

Salary: \$40,000 – \$80,000