

COASTAL ECOLOGIST AT GREAT ECOLOGY

About Great Ecology

Great Ecology is a leading ecological consulting firm focused on creatively solving ecological problems. Our mission is to help repair the world through ecology and expand the ecological horizon for leading corporations and public agencies. The Great Ecology team works with a wide range of public and private clients to increase the ecological and economic value of developed, degraded, contaminated, and underutilized sites.

We work together in a collaborative environment that fosters innovation in science and design while encouraging individual initiative, creativity, and skill development. Great Ecology provides opportunities to work in a variety of ecosystems and on projects throughout the United States.

Job Description

We are looking for an early-to-mid career coastal ecologist to support our work in the eastern US, with a focus on New York and New Jersey. The coastal ecologist will assist with fieldwork, permit development, report development, and stakeholder engagement, among other responsibilities. Candidates must have the following:

Required Skills:

- Bachelor's degree in Wetland Science, Soil Science, Ecology, Biology, Environmental Science, Environmental Management, or related field;
- At least three years of ecological consulting experience;
- Experience working with regulators in New York and/or New Jersey to obtain environmental permits;
- 3 to 5+ years of proven experience developing and obtaining ecological permits on the East Coast within the past 10 years, with an emphasis on permits through NYSDEC, NJDEP, NYC Department of City Planning, NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, New York State Department of State, USFWS, and USACE;
- Experience performing ecological assessments including but not limited to wetland delineations and benthic invertebrate surveys;
- Demonstrated knowledge of the flora and fauna of the eastern United States;
- Experience with site assessments and reviewing construction documentation;
- Superb organizational and writing skills;
- Ability to solve complex problems and provide innovative, unique solutions;
- Critical thinking with strong problem-solving skills and experience contributing towards complex restoration planning;
- Excellent cross-functional communication skills: confidence in dealing with clients, subconsultants, and team members at all levels and functions of the organization;
- Valid driver's license and a clean driving record; and
- Self-starter who can work independently and is rigorously detail-oriented.

Responsibilities

We are seeking applicants who are comfortable and confident with the following responsibilities:

- Lead the development of complex permits and support other staff in the development of permits;
- Lead and facilitate coordination among project stakeholders including clients, internal staff, and other consultants;
- Report development for technical and non-technical stakeholders;
- Lead and support ecological assessments; and
- Perform other fieldwork as necessary.

Preferred but not Required

Preference may be given to applicants who also provide these skills:

- Master's degree in Wetland Science, Soil Science, Ecology, Biology, Environmental Science, Environmental Management, or related field;
- Experience in project management;
- Experience with NYC's One Stop Waterfront Permit Planner;
- Experience preparing NEPA documents for federal and/or state agencies;
- Experience with ESRI ArcGIS Pro, to prepare maps, conduct fieldwork, and prepare analyses;
- Familiarity with mitigation and/or conservation banking.

This is for a full-time position. The candidate(s) selected for this position will work remotely and is expected to be within commuting distance of New York City. Please provide a cover letter and resume as part of your application materials. Send your resume and cover letter to jobs@greatecology.com with the subject line "Coastal Ecologist – New York."

Hiring Salary Range: \$78,000-95,000.

This position will be exempt.