

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Title:

Principal Planner
Central Pines Regional Council
Durham, NC / Hybrid

Who We Seek:

Are you a passionate and experienced planner looking for an exciting opportunity to make a significant impact on regional visioning and land use planning? Central Pines Regional Council is seeking a driven, innovative Principal Planner to join our team. In this influential role, you will have the chance to build our organization's land use planning services and help lead the development and implementation of the Connected Region Plan, a transformative land use vision for our entire region. If you are a visionary leader with a strong background in land use planning and facilitation, we invite you to apply and shape the future of our region.

Description of Work:

This role will include a dynamic combination of local planning assistance, regional land use planning and facilitation. The selected individual will work directly with municipal and county governments to develop and implement comprehensive land use plans, policies, and regulations, and manage the development and implementation of a regional guide for growth and sustainable development. Activities will include:

- Identify, develop, and manage resources to ensure all local communities have equitable access to information that can assist with land use decisions such as a regional clearinghouse of development and land use plans, a review and analysis of peer regions with comparable plans, or a guide to the policy and funding landscape for the region,
- Lead steering committee meetings, engagement sessions, and forums to gather input and feedback from community members regarding their vision for the region's land use and connectivity.
- Collaborate with local governments, community organizations, and stakeholders to ensure broad participation and engagement in the regional visioning processes.
- Stay updated on emerging trends, best practices, and regulatory changes related to land use planning, incorporating innovative approaches into the work of the organization.
- Provide technical assistance and support to local governments in navigating land use issues and developing local plans and regulations.
- Represent Central Pines Regional Council at meetings, conferences, and public events to showcase the organization's expertise and promote collaborative partnerships.
- Work with Central Pines Regional Council's leadership team to reinvigorate the Council's land use technical assistance efforts.

This position will require some regional travel to attend meetings and perform work in other locations around the CPRC region.

Education & Experience:

A master's degree in planning or a related field is desired. A bachelor's degree in the same field, considerable experience in municipal, county, or regional planning level may be considered.

AICP Accreditation is highly desired.

The candidate must have strong project management and communication skills to thrive in this position.

Starting Salary & Benefits:

Hiring range: \$65,000 - \$70,000

*This position is eligible for a 5% increase after serving a 6-month probation period.

Benefits: CPRC offers a generous benefits package including paid vacation and sick leave; NC Local Government Employees' Retirement System; 5% 401(k) employer contribution; 100% employer-paid health, dental, vision and life insurance; health spending account, flexible spending account for child/dependent care expenses, hybrid and flexible work schedules

Our organization:

CPRC is a member-driven organization serving as a leading resource to connect communities and enhance their strategic priority outcomes through regional policy, collaboration, and technical assistance at the local, regional, and state level. See the kind of work we do and learn read more about CPRC's vision, mission, organizational principles, core values, and strategic focus areas at www.centralpinesnc.gov.

How to Apply:

Send completed application package (cover letter and resume) by email to employment@centralpinesnc.gov with the subject Principal Planner.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Position is open until filled; initial review of applications begins November 10, 2023.

All employment offers will be within the stated hiring range.

CPRC is an Equal Opportunity Employer and designated Best Workplace for Commuters.