

DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND PARKS THE CITY OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

This is an excellent opportunity to lead and manage a recreation and parks department with a wide diversity of functions in a dynamic city government that values innovation, efficiency, and top-quality management.

The City is seeking an experienced and innovative Director of Recreation and Parks to take the department to a new level of success, consistent with the high quality services that the City provides to its residents.

The Director of Recreation and Parks is appointed by and reports to the City Manager. The position is a vital member of the City's Senior Management Team. More information about the City can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov.

The Department is one of the largest organizational units of the City's government. It is responsible for the City's buildings, park land and open space, and recreation programming. Residents of all ages are served by the programs, services, and amenities managed by the department. The neighborhood parks, community centers, special events and camps and programs for youth that the Department provides contribute to Rockville's quality of life and sense of community. They are a key component of what makes Rockville special for its residents.

In addition to the traditional functions associated with the recreation and parks function, the Rockville Department of Recreation and Parks is responsible for certain community and social service functions, and the maintenance of all City facilities. The Department's operating budget for FY 2014 is approximately \$20.3 million.

The City is seeking a Director of Recreation and Parks with proven experience in recreation and parks and related leadership and management in a similarly sized local government. The successful candidate will possess a minimum of a Bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university in Recreation, Public Administration, or a related field and at least seven years of progressively responsible, broad based experience in recreation and/or parks administration; or any combination of education, training, and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the essential functions of the job. Possession a valid Maryland Driver's License or ability to obtain one in a short period of time is required.

A related Master's degree and experience working in a unionized environment would be a plus. Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) Certification and a proven track record in increasing cost recovery rates desirable. Familiarity with capital planning and facility management would be beneficial.

The City of Rockville, the State of Maryland's third largest city, has a population of 62,334 (2011 Census estimate) and a land area of 13.03 square miles. Rockville is the county seat of Montgomery County, one of the most affluent and well-educated counties in the United States. For additional information about Rockville as a place to live and work, please visit www.rockvillemd.gov.

The salary range is \$107,263 - \$162,081. The starting salary could be up to \$140,000 depending on the selected individual's qualifications and match with the desired attributes sought by the City. The City offers an outstanding fringe benefit package.

Open until filled. First review of applications on July 12, 2013. To be considered for this position, send your confidential resume/cover letter with current salary to jmercerc@mercergroupinc.com. For further information on this important opportunity, please contact James Mercer, The Mercer Group, Inc., 1000 Cordova Place, #726, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Voice: 505-466-9500; Fax: 505-466-1274. E-Mail: jmercerc@mercergroupinc.com; Website: www.mercergroupinc.com **EOE**

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