# SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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# **Environmental Planner**

The Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG) seeks a highly motivated and creative individual to join its team of planning professionals. The candidate who fills this position will lead SCCOG's environmental planning activities related to water, stormwater, hazard mitigation, open space, carbon pollution reduction, solid waste management, and coastal resilience.

This is a full-time, 35 hour per week position. SCCOG offers a highly competitive benefits package including flexibility in work scheduling, health insurance, a pension plan and optional 457(b) retirement plan, life insurance, long-term disability insurance, sick/vacation leave accrual, reimbursement of APA/AICP dues, and compensatory time for attendance at night meetings.

# **Application Process**

Send cover letter and resumé to:

Amanda E. Kennedy, AICP, Executive Director Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments 5 Connecticut Avenue, Norwich, CT 06360 office@seccog.org

Closing date: November 10, 2023 or until filled.

## **About the Position**

The Environmental Planner position is a new position being created to meet an ongoing need for coordinated natural resources planning in southeastern Connecticut, including SCCOG's development and implementation of plans related to hazard mitigation, drinking water and stormwater, resiliency, brownfields remediation, open space, and carbon pollution. The environmental planner will also participate in preparing applications for related grant opportunities and managing awarded grants and will be the primarily liaison between SCCOG staff and with local and regional stakeholders and stakeholder organizations. The candidate selected for this position may also provide assistance to one or more municipal commissions.

Salary Range: Planner I: \$48,000-\$67,000

Planner II: \$60,000-\$84,000 Planner III: \$74,000-\$104,000

# Qualifications

The successful candidate will have experience and/or educational background in environmental regulations and programs. The position may be filled as a Planner I, II, or III depending on the experience of the selected candidate. Minimum qualifications for Planner I: Bachelor's Degree in urban planning or related field. Planner II: Bachelor's + 3 years experience or Master's + 1 year experience. Planner III: Bachelor's + 6 years experience or Master's + 4 years experience. Applicants should have excellent communication skills and experience with project management, analyzing and presenting data, and preparing technical written reports. Technical skills should include proficiency with ArcGIS, Excel, and InDesign. AICP and Inland Wetlands certification is desirable.

### **About the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments**

SCCOG serves 22 municipalities with a total population of 280,430 and functions as the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization. SCCOG also counts as affiliate members Connecticut's two federally recognized Native American Tribes and works closely with the region's two military installations, the United States Naval Submarine Base and the United States Coast Guard Academy. Primary focus areas of SCCOG are regional planning, which includes producing studies and plans that affect the responsible development of the region; transportation planning and prioritization of State and Federal transportation funding; and regional services, which include staffing assistance to local land use commissions and coordinating intermunicipal cooperation. SCCOG staff have the opportunity to engage in multiple subject areas including land use regulation, economic development, natural resource conservation, transportation, housing, human services, sustainability and resilience, renewable energy, and emergency management.

### **About Southeastern Connecticut**

SCCOG's offices are located in Norwich, CT, at the center of a dynamic region known for its diverse assets including Mystic and the southeastern Connecticut shoreline, entertainment/casino destinations, and opportunities for urban, suburban, and rural living. The region is critically important to Connecticut's economy for its tourism, defense, and defense manufacturing, and is New England's hub for the growing offshore wind industry. The region is conveniently located within fifty miles of Hartford, New Haven, and Providence and enjoys highway and rail connections to nearby Boston and New York City.