

Water Plant Superintendent City of Waukegan, Illinois

Waukegan, IL (Pop. 88,826) - Historically a commercial port city and more recently an industrial center, the City of Waukegan is the seat of Lake County government and is home to flourishing business, educational and cultural organizations. Located 45 miles north of Chicago and 60 miles south of Milwaukee, Waukegan has an ethnically diverse population. The City's key location makes it easily accessible from north or south. I-94, U.S. Route 41 and Illinois Route 131 (Green Bay Road) are located on the western edge of the City providing north/south access to Chicago, Milwaukee and nearby communities. East/west arterials include Illinois Route 120/Belvidere Road, Illinois Route 132/Grand Avenue and Washington Street. The City features Lake Michigan recreational and commercial attractions highlighted by Waukegan Harbor and Marina, the only deep-water harbor between Milwaukee and Lake Calumet.

The City of Waukegan services over 21,000 metered water customers and provides wholesale water services to the municipalities of Park City, Beach Park and Green Oaks. The system receives its water from Lake Michigan and treatment is conducted at a City-owned Water Plant. The City maintains over 330 miles of water mains. The treatment plant has a capacity to filter 18 million gallons daily and has average flows of approximately 9.9 million gallons per day. The Water Treatment Plant was originally constructed in 1928 and was expanded in 1967. The Water Plant Superintendent reports directly to the Mayor, but works independently, having responsibility for the City's water treatment and distribution. The Water Plant Superintendent will also work closely with the Director of Public Works on various projects and activities that require resources from both departments.

The City has recently issued bonds for various improvements to the water plant and distribution lines as well as some improvements to sanitary and storm sewer. These projects will be completed over the next couple of years and total approximately \$15.5M. The existing water plant is over 90-years old and the distribution system include booster stations, ground storage, water main pipes, hydrants and valves. Improvements planned in FY19 for the water plant include security enhancements and replacements of high service pumps, water intake valves, flow meters, chlorine lines and reclaim pumps.

The City is looking for:

- A strong leader committed to creative problem-solving through teamwork and professionalism, outstanding supervisory and administrative skills, and highly developed interpersonal and oral/written communication skills.
- A demonstrated record of team-oriented style leadership with a comprehensive knowledge of water treatment and distribution; infrastructure design; and the ability to facilitate the development of a strong solutions based, community service-focused water operations.
- An ability to facilitate a mindset change in employees to empower them to form a teamwork approach to operational goals and responsibilities and to encourage them to

offer creative ideas for advancing the mission of the department and presenting problem solving ideas.

- Possession of a valid Class “A” water treatment plant operator’s certificate as issued by the State of Illinois or the ability to obtain one within 6 months of employment. A bachelor’s degree in civil engineering or related field and/or major course work in water technology, physical science, utility system maintenance and repair, construction technology, business administration or related field. Seven to ten years of progressively responsible public sector management, or water treatment plant operations/distribution system experience or an equivalent combination of education and experience, is desired.

The anticipated hiring salary is \$88,326 - \$118,876 DOQ with excellent benefits. Apply online with resume, cover letter and contact information for three professional references by October 17, 2018 to the attention of Sarah McKee, Vice-President, GovHRUSA, 630 Dundee Road #130, Northbrook, IL 60062. Tel: (847) 380-3240. Apply at GovHRJobs.com.

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