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The University of Delaware Facilities Management Department has an opening reporting to the Assistant Director of the Grounds/Movers Division. Requires an associate's degree with a strong preference for a bachelor's degree in Plant and Soil Sciences or related discipline. Minimum of 5 years effective supervisory experience in a landscape maintenance/management commercial setting. Must have the ability to accurately identify and distinguish colors as this is essential for monitoring the U/D Community landscape maintenance. Directly responsible for supervising the coordination of work activities for unionized hourly staff to include Refuse Collectors, Grounds Workers, Caretakers, Horticulturist, Arborist, Excavators, Grounds Technician, etc. as well as contractors. Requires working knowledge of landscaping, ornamental horticulture, tree maintenance and recyclable refuse collection/disposal. Computer literacy in the use of spreadsheets and word processing required. Good employee relations, organization and planning skills are important to administer technical and/or safety training programs with employees. The qualified candidate must have good interpersonal human relations abilities in order to directly and indirectly interact on a professional level with all levels of personnel to include the U/D Community staff, outside consultants/contractors, vendors and City of Newark Officials. Certification as a Pesticide Applicator desired. Must have a valid driver's license and provide own transportation. Ensure compliance with all applicable state, local and federal codes, laws and regulations. Deadline for resume response is: Tuesday, April 1, 1997. Submit your resume in confidence with three (3) professional work references to: University of Delaware - Facilities Management Department, Attn: Chair of Search committee/Supervisor - Grounds, 104 Maintenance Center, Newark, DE 19716.

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By Jim Puhalla

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