



Environmental careers — Save the world and earn a paycheck too.





Our planet's resources include soil, water, air, plants and animals. It's not only park rangers and activists who protect them. There are hundreds of career options available to people passionate about environmental sustainability and conservation of resources. Explore career opportunities in all levels of government (federal, state, county, city and special districts) and in the private and nonprofit sectors as well. No matter what your major is or your personal strengths and interests, you can make a positive impact on the environment.

But first, a reality check...

 Most of what you need to know, you will learn through work experience.

 Having a good work ethic will advance you faster in your career than any professional experience.

 You may need to start at the bottom and work your way up to more dynamic jobs.

 Having a solid set of transferable skills will make you valuable to any company/agency.

Below are several college majors, followed by a few environmental careers related to that field of study.

Humanities/Liberal Arts

Writer
Journalist
Educator (Classroom or Informal/Outdoor)
Program Manager
Media Relations

Biology

Soil Conservationist
Fisheries Biologist
Ecologist
Forester / Arborist
Rangeland Manager
Wildlife Biologist / Veterinarian
Land Use/Environmental Planner

Engineering / Computers

Civil Engineer
Environmental Engineer
CAD Drafter/Designer
Sustainable Energy Specialist
GIS Specialist

Chemistry

Water Chemist
Soil Chemist
Environmental Health Specialist
Air Pollution Control Engineer

Political Science

Environmental Lawyer
Legislative Representative

Geology / Hydrology

Water/Wastewater Engineer
Watershed Specialist

Agriculture

Organic Farmer or Rancher
Agricultural Inspector
Entomologist—Pest Management

Urban Studies and Planning / Architecture

"Green" Architect
"Green" City Planner

In addition to technical experts, every environmental organization in the world needs strong office managers, business leaders, program managers, accountants, IT specialists, public relations experts, code enforcers, salespeople, educators, graphic artists, etc. There's a role for all of us to play.

For more information about the 3000 Resource Conservation District offices nationwide - as well as our program partners - visit the webpage of the National Association of Conservation Districts,
<http://www.nacdnet.org/>

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