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Alaska Community Forest Council seeks new members

(Anchorage, AK) – The Alaska Community Forest Council is seeking to fill several council seats in the following categories: Landscape Architect; Construction/Right of Way; Small Community Service; and Member-at-Large.

The council is a nonprofit organization and advisory body to the Division of Forestry that works to improve Alaskans' quality of life by expanding and caring for urban and community forests. The council promotes the management of trees and forests within communities to maximize the many economic, environmental and social benefits that trees provide.

Applications and information about the council and the Division of Forestry's Community Forestry Program are available on the web at http://forestry.alaska.gov/community/council or by contacting the Community Forestry Program office at 296-8465, communityforestry@alaska.gov or by contacting Nan Mundy, Chair, Alaska Community Forest Council at 907-957-9018, nanmundy@gci.net.

Completed applications are due no later than **Friday, May 31, 2019.** New appointees will be notified in early to mid-June and terms begin on July 1, 2019 and end June 30, 2022.

Council members are asked to attend all-day meetings two to four times each year. Members serve on working committees, handle the normal business responsibilities of a nonprofit, and support the care of trees and forests in the towns where they live. Members attend orientation before the first meeting and are provided educational opportunities and hands-on training. Members need to be able to attend a minimum of two meetings in Anchorage per year. Council members are reimbursed for travel expenses, if applicable.

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