



WATER DIRECTOR



A photo of Lake Bloomington

About the City

The City is located in the heart of Central Illinois with a population of 78,283. Bloomington is a twin city with the Town of Normal (population 53,594). Together they are in McLean County, the largest county in the state. Bloomington is #1 in Illinois and #28 nationally on Forbes' "Best Small Places for Business and Careers" list. *"Out of 275 cities nationwide, we stood out for our affordability, economic opportunities, strong health coverage and short commute times."* - Jeff Jurgens, City Manager.



A photo of Downtown Bloomington

Our Community

Bloomington, IL is the corporate home to State Farm, Country Financial, Illinois Farm Bureau and Growmark, Inc. We are also home to Ferrero's first North American chocolate factory and Beer Nuts Brand Snacks. Our twin city, the Town of Normal, IL is home to Rivian, a leader in the electric vehicle market.

We have outstanding healthcare institutions like OSF HealthCare, Carle Health and Chestnut Health Systems, an exceptional education system which includes both Bloomington Public Schools District 87 and McLean County Unit 5 School District for grades K-12. Our higher ed institutions continue to grow including Illinois Wesleyan University, Heartland Community College and Illinois State University.

Bloomington is a hub of innovation, talent and opportunity. There are hundreds of other businesses and institutions that also play a role in making our community great. Come grow with us!

Things to do:

- Explore 40+ park sites, including the nearly 30-mile Constitution Trail system.
- 3 Golf Courses with 4 and 4.5 star "places to play" ratings.
- 2 Pools, one being a new aquatic center and 4 splash pads located at 4 different parks.
- Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts - ranked top 200 theaters worldwide for ticket sales.
- Grossinger Motors Arena - home of the ECHL Bloomington Bison hockey team, affiliate of the New York Rangers and Hartford Wolf Pack.
- Miller Park Zoo - accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.
- Downtown Bloomington - hosts more than 80 community events each year, including a year-round farmers market.
- Large variety of restaurants and shopping options.





About the Department

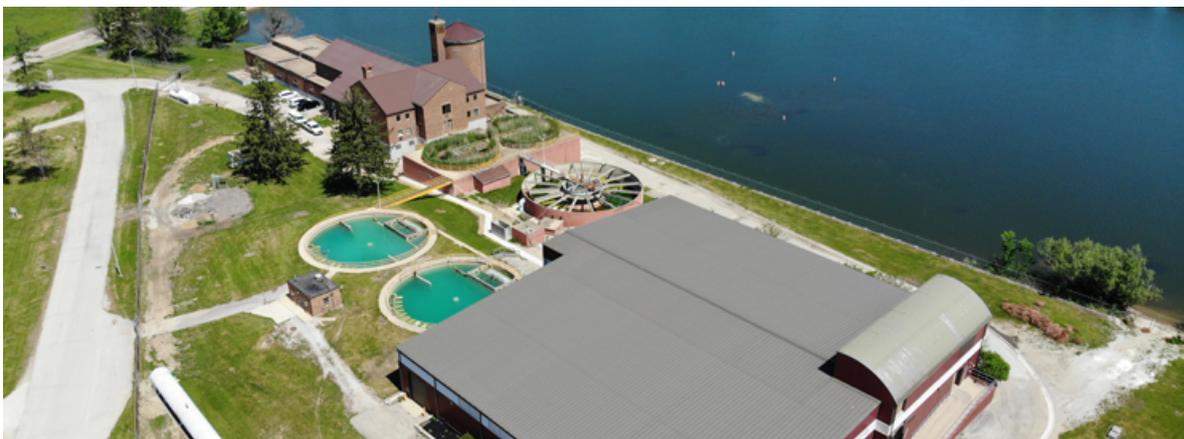
The Water Department consists of several divisions including: Water Distribution & Transmission, Water Meter Services, Water Purification, Mechanical Maintenance and Lake Maintenance. The treatment plant is located at Lake Bloomington, north of Bloomington/Normal. It is a 635-acre reservoir with 18.5 miles of shoreline that was built in 1929. Lake Bloomington is the primary source of our water supply. The City also uses Evergreen Lake Reservoir and has drilled a network of monitoring wells. The raw water from these two lakes is treated and delivered to customers in Bloomington, Towanda, Hudson, and Bloomington Township.

The department will be busy with several projects, one being the Lead Service Line Replacement Project. This is federally mandated to replace outdated lead water lines. Bloomington has a total of 32,091 services and we anticipate roughly 10,000 services will be updated.

Capital projects include:

- \$75m-\$100m in systemwide distribution improvements
- \$100m in lead service replacement
- \$125m in water main replacement
- \$50m in plant improvements
- \$\$\$ in future water sources

These investments will bring the City to compliance with all applicable standards, help preserve the City's water supply as one of its invaluable resources and maintain and enhance the City's capacity for growth.



A photo of the Water Treatment Plant

About the Position

Summary

Directs, administers, and coordinates the construction, maintenance, and operation of water utility facilities within City and surrounding areas in support of policies, goals, and objectives established with the City Manager, Mayor, and City Council through overall oversight of subordinate supervisors. Provides water resource management expertise to the City Manager, Mayor, City Council, and other City departments.

Examples of Duties

- Maintains a sound plan of department organization, establishing procedures to ensure adequate management development and to provide for capable management succession.
- Establishes operating policies consistent with the City Manager's and City Council's broad policies and objectives and ensures their execution.
- Develops and implements procedures and controls to promote communication and adequate information flow within the organization.
- Directs the preparation of short-term and long-term plans and budgets based on broad City goals and growth objectives.
- Oversee collection of water revenues and spending on an annual operating budget of at least \$12,000,000 and report to City Manager any variances from projected revenue and budget. Capital projects and budget of upwards of \$100 million+
- Recommend policies relating to pricing and water supply to ensure availability to all residents as well as commercial operations and new land developments.
- Plans, organizes, directs and administers the continuing orderly, efficient, and economical purification and distribution of water to City customers in line with immediate and long-range City development projections.
- Assure that City water supply is in compliance with all applicable state and federal standards.
- Leads the City's efforts to optimize water treatment for superior taste and odor characteristics while meeting all health-based regulatory standards.
- Recommends changes in City water management and distribution policy, based on capacity of present and readily available facilities, current residential requirements, and other projected future water demands.
- Confers with other City directors to determine impact of new or proposed public projects and land developments on City water resources.
- Represents City in meetings with farmers, developers, representatives of other municipal and regional water systems, government representatives, and the general public to discuss matters such as water delivery schedules, environmental issues, watershed protection, and securing additional water resources.
- Meets with affected businesses to address water connection, usage, and required specifications and initiates actions to obtain compliance with City water use requirements.
- Prepares or oversees public communications, such as water quality reports, temporary outages, and City water agreements for new development areas.
- Directs workers in preparation of reports to state and federal governments.
- Regularly evaluates the results of overall City water operations and systematically reports these results to the City Manager and City Council.

Education/Experience

- Bachelor of Science degree (B.S.), preferably in environmental engineering, biology, chemistry, civil engineering or related field. Minimum of ten years progressively responsible experience in public utility and/or water resource management field. At least four years of management, supervisory and budget experience.

Certificate or Licenses

- IL Driver's License
- Class A Water Operator's License, or ability to obtain one within six (6) months.



HOW TO APPLY

Submit your application electronically by clicking on the link below.

[APPLY HERE](#)

For additional information:

[City of Bloomington](#) | [Infrastructure Dashboard](#) | [Lead Service Line Replacement](#)

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