



# Project Manager

## Job Description

A Project Manager **plans, organizes, and oversees projects** from start to finish to ensure goals are met on time and within budget. They coordinate **teams, manage schedules, communicate with stakeholders,** and **solve problems** to keep projects moving forward efficiently. In Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) work, they help **guide stormwater infrastructure projects** that serve communities and **protect** natural resources.

## Salary

*WA Average*

Entry — \$78,000

Middle — \$107,000

Top — \$140,000

## Core Tasks

○ **Plans** and **coordinates** projects from start to finish, making sure timelines, budgets, and goals are met.

○ Works with **teams, partners,** and **stakeholders** to keep everyone aligned and informed throughout the project.

○ **Tracks progress, solves problems,** and **adjusts plans** to keep projects moving forward smoothly.

## Workplace / Environment

- **Work hours**  
**Approx. 40+ hours/week**  
(At key milestones overtime work may be required to meet deadlines)
- **Environment**  
Mix of **office work** and **meetings**, with time spent coordinating teams, reviewing plans, and supporting projects in progress.
- **Travel**  
May include visits to **project sites**, meetings with **partners** or **stakeholders**, and occasional travel depending on the project location.

## Education / Prerequisites

### Education Level

Bachelor's degree preferred (engineering, business, environmental studies, or related field).

### Licensing

No specific license required. Works with licensed professionals when needed.

### Pre-Job Preparation

3–5 years of hands-on experience supporting or leading projects, including coordinating teams, managing schedules, reviewing plans, and working with stakeholders.

### Soft Skills

- Leadership
- Team coordination
- Communication
- Problem-solving
- Organization & time management

### Technical Skills

- Project coordination
- Environmental compliance
- Stakeholder coordination
- Documentation, reporting, and research support



## Career Path: Tiffany Sevilla

### About Me

Project Manager at Greenprint Partners

Bachelors & Masters of Science in Environmental Engineering from Northwestern University

### High School Life

"My pathway beginning in high school really became clear to me when I was in an **AP environmental science** class and we learned that every year, 2 million people die from **waterborne illnesses**. That is, the water that they're drinking is making them sick. And I was stunned, because I remember reading it in my textbook and looking around and wondering, does everybody know this? We should all agree to work on this. I couldn't let go of that. I just thought, I have to work on this. I don't want something that people need every day to be **making them sick**. That was incredibly unfair."



### College Choices

"I knew I wanted to do something about **making sure people have clean water**. I didn't really know anybody who had a job related to that. I was also graduating high school during a recession, and I have immigrant parents. All of these factors created a lot of pressure and motivation for me to want to study **something like engineering that had a clear career path**. I didn't know any engineers, but I knew that engineer was a job, and adults around me said it was a stable opportunity. I found out that there are people called environmental engineers who design solutions and **design facilities that help clean water**. So I studied **environmental engineering** in college. I learned exactly what I was hoping to learn about different technologies to not only **clean water**, but also **clean air** and help **manage different kinds of waste** so that we don't pollute the environment with solid materials either."

### Into the Real World

"The first job that I had was in **San Diego, California**. I was managing environmental compliance at a **Naval Air Station**, where they maintain aircraft, which involves a lot of processes, a lot of chemicals, and a lot of permits and requirements to make sure that they're not **polluting the air**, **polluting the water**, or **disposing** of those materials incorrectly. I did a lot of **inspections** and learned about different regulations. After about three years, I really wanted to be a little bit more focused and really push towards **sustainability**, and I started working for the **Port of Seattle**. I was working at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, supporting a **storm water pollution prevention program**, and I also supported our **waste reduction program**. Then I took on a new role in the **Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion**, partnering with community-based organizations to create programs that would introduce people to maritime and green jobs. Because I had this mix of both **technical, environmental work** as well as **program management** and working with different community members, I was able to find a role that blended that here in Greenprint partners, as a project manager."

# About My Job

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"I always feel really good about the overall work that I'm contributing to."

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## Pros

- "I have a lot of **flexibility** in the way that I approach my work."
- "Some of the work I do is **in person**, but some of the work I can do **remotely**, which is a blessing."
- "My colleagues are all really **caring** and **compassionate** folks who have a variety of talents, but we're all pulling toward the same mission."
- "I get to **interact** with people in different cities."
- "I get to **learn** about the issues that **different communities** and **neighborhoods** care about the most."
- "I can also **use what I learn** and **bring** that to different communities across the country."

## Cons

- "Not everybody that we need to do our work with is pulling in the same direction. That can **feel slow** and **frustrating**."
- "It is very **heavily dependent** on funding that isn't always **guaranteed** or **stable**."

## Fieldwork

- "At this point in my career, **I'm not really doing as much field work**."
- "If I'm in the field, I'm **visiting a potential site**...with community members or different stakeholders, people who are **interested in the project**, who **want to see** and **get a feel** for what that space is like, so that they can provide input into what's important there."

## Office Work

- "A day in my job involves usually a **lot of meetings**."
- "In between those meetings, a lot of the work is **preparing for future discussions**, **creating documents** that help explain different decisions."
- "Mix of time by myself on my **computer**, **writing** and doing **research**, and also time in meetings and **creating space** for people to learn together and make decisions together."

## Skills

- "Practice getting really good at **asking a lot of questions**, so that you can **understand** and learn about their **perspective**, learn about their **priorities**."
- "Learning how to **build cooperation** among people who have different roles, have different access to power, are responsible for different decisions."
- "Being really **good at writing** and **communicating** to help break down really complex topics"
- "**Creating a space** where people feel **safe** and **comfortable** raising questions and having challenging discussions."

## Education/Experience

- "I graduated with my bachelors and masters degrees in **Environmental Engineering**."
- "If you're thinking about going to college, anything related to **policy is really helpful**, because the more that you understand about **how decisions are made**, who makes those decisions and what influences that, **who decides how much money gets spent** on different services for people, that's really helpful.
- The kind of things that you want to be educated about, **you can do through experience** you don't have to do in college.

## The Future of **Stormwater & Green Infrastructure**

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"My hope is that in the future there will be **more power shared** between **people** and **government** decision makers, so that people have more influence over their own lives. I think that's always what governments are striving for, and that's what democracy is about. And so, I really want to see in the future, people are more **educated** about and more **empowered** to influence decisions that affect their lives."

"And that would **impact my role**, because I would be shifting from trying to teach people like, here's who to talk to, and here's how you make a comment, or here's how to show up at a town hall, and I'd be more **focused on helping** them structure those comments. It would be a more kind of sophisticated level of **engagement**."

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