



Watershed Specialist Job Announcement

The Watershed Specialist position will be a full-time, temporary position involving both office and field work. The primary duty station will be located at the Soil & Water office at 771 E. Main St. Newark, OH 43055 with additional work station at Hebron Administrative Building, 934 W Main St, Hebron, OH 43025. This temporary position has funding for two years. It may become a permanent position based on future funding.

Job Announcement information

The Watershed Specialist will provide technical, informational and organizational assistance that will improve watershed organization and development for the Licking County Soil & Water Conservation District and the South Licking Watershed Conservancy District.

Job Qualifications

- A Bachelor's Degree or Associates Degree with 2 years' experience in agricultural, engineering or related natural resource management. Course work in conservation, watershed management, soils, hydrology, or geology desired.
- Strong familiarity with watershed issues including, but not limited to agricultural, forestry and urban BMPs, non-point source elimination, erosion and drainage solutions, wetlands and soil health initiatives.
- Excellent writing, presentation, verbal and interpersonal skills. Strong skills in public relations, organizational development and team dynamics. Ability to work effectively with Board of Supervisors, partnering agencies, stakeholders and the general public.
- Experience with Microsoft Office Professional software and GIS and GPS skills are preferred.
- Be able to navigate all types of terrain and can lift and carry loads up to 50 pounds.

Primary Duties

- Supervise and perform environmental water quality monitoring, developing database and recruiting volunteer water quality monitoring partners. Develop processes and protocols using best methodology available. Coordinate training and monitoring of partners data. Develop reports for internal and external use.
- Update the current watershed inventory (livestock, tillage, stream miles, conservation practices, etc.) and work towards development of 9-Element Plans in the watershed.
- Provide leadership in the implementation of conservation practices through collection and analysis of land use and resource information, identification of stakeholder concerns, establishment of goals and supporting the locally initiated strategies.
- Assist with preparing grant and program applications to secure funding for watershed projects, including project implementation and oversight, record keeping and reporting.
- Prepare and submit all necessary grant reports and meet all the other requirements to best ensure continued funding.
- Serve as a liaison with the board agencies, landowners, stakeholders, and the scientific community.

Salary and Benefits: Salary is commensurate with experience. Full-time benefits include enrollment in the Ohio Public Employee Retirement System, health insurance plan and paid vacation, holidays and sick leave. Must provide proof of valid Ohio driver's license and remain insurable. Must pass a Licking County pre-employment drug screening and background security check.

Application Procedure:

Submit cover letter, resume and three references:

- Email (preferred) to HiringManager@LickingSWCD.com.
 - Name file with first initial and last name and Watershed Specialist candidate.
 - Send all documents in one pdf file.
- Mail to 771 East Main Street, Suite 100, Newark, OH 43055.

Deadline: Open until filled.

Soil & Water is an equal opportunity employer.