

Job Opening: Conservation Technician/Watershed Assistant, Macon County Soil and Water Conservation District

About the Organization: The Macon County Soil and Water Conservation District was formed in 1943, with the mission to work with private landowners and other organizations to help prevent and control soil erosion, improve the water quality of local rivers, lakes, and streams, and to restore and enhance native wildlife habitat.

The District is operated by an elected 5-member Board of Directors.

About the Position: The Macon County Soil and Water Conservation District is seeking a full-time (40 hours/week), motivated individual to help promote, assist, and educate farmers and landowners about the best management practices for maintaining clean water, healthy soils, and a sustainable landscape. This position will be challenged with developing ways to mitigate soil erosion, nutrient loading and water quality issues. This position works directly with the Watershed Specialist and Watershed Technician to implement the Lake Decatur Watershed Program.

This position will provide expertise on conservation issues, inspect, evaluate and prepare technical records and reports and provide the technical assistance necessary to implement nutrient management/conservation practice activities/ Best Management Practices. Furthermore, the position will assist the Watershed Specialist in implementation of the Lake Decatur Watershed program including education events and programs. Some administrative duties and grant work will also be a requirement of the position.

Knowledge and Skills Preferred:

- A strong understanding of the agriculture industry and current practices including CRP, BMPs and ag conservation
- ARCGIS
- Surveying /Design
- Identify problem areas and provide technical assistance
- Communication skills with technical and non-technical individuals
- Conduct erosion and sediment control inspections for construction sites throughout the count
- Be able to work independently, establish work priorities, and manage time effectively, multi task
- Grant writing and management
- Strong computer skills

Additional training will be offered and is a position requirement. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Benefits include: formal and on the job training to further develop your skills for this position, health and life insurance, Employer IRA contributions, and paid holidays and vacation.

Work is performed both in an office environment and in the field. Field work may include traversing uneven terrain in all weather conditions in ag fields and construction sites.

Application Process: Qualified applicants should send a cover letter and resume to the Macon County Soil and Water Conservation District via email to Angela at angela@maconcountyswcd.com.

Questions may be directed via email to Angela at angela@maconcountyswcd.com

The MCSWCD offers a competitive salary and benefits and is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.