



McHenry County
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Job Opportunities Bulletin

JOB TITLE: Agricultural Ecologist

STATUS: Full-time

LOCATION: Lost Valley Visitor Center, Ringwood, IL

SALARY: \$49, 539- \$55,731 (DOQ)

ABOUT THE PROGRAM & US

The McHenry County Conservation District's mission exists to preserve, restore, and manage natural areas and open spaces for their intrinsic value and for the benefits to present and future generations.

The District manages over 25,600 acres of open land diverse with woodlands, prairies, wetlands, ponds, creeks, and rivers. It provides sites open to the public year-round featuring trails, picnic shelters, camp sites, fishing sites, and educational programs.

The farm program is an integral component of managing the District's public lands and includes over 5,000 acres of row crop production areas and an additional 1,200 acres of hay and grazing ground managed for grassland bird habitat.

JOB OVERVIEW:

Be involved with our Farm Management Program in working with local farm operators and serving as our ambassador for area agricultural committees and groups. We are looking for a motivated individual to join our natural resources team who possesses a working knowledge in agriculture industry business and crop production practices while also encompassing a background in natural resource management. The successful candidate will also have a practical working knowledge with agricultural contracts, bidding, and budgets.

What are we looking for? Someone with advanced knowledge of sustainable farming practices, including but not limited to, conservation grazing, cover crops, soil erosion control measures, integrated pest management techniques, fertilizer and pesticide management, farm drainage, etc. Additionally, for an educational background, a Bachelor's degree (B. A. / B.S.) from four-year college or university either in Agriculture or Integrated Resource Management, Agronomy, Sustainable Agriculture, Natural Resources, Agroecology, or other closely related field and two years related experience; or equivalent combination of education and experience.

CLOSING DATE: 4/7/2021

APPLICATION: Applicant can locate job description and online application at www.mccdistrict.org. For questions, call 815-338-6223 x1237.