District Technician

Job Title: District Technician
Work Hours: 7:30 am to 4:00 pm
Location: 831 U.S. Highway 42 NE
London, Ohio 43140

Employment Type: Full Time/Non-Exempt/Unclassified
Department: Soil and Water Conservation District
Reports to (Title): Program Administrator: Julia Cumming

Job Summary: The District Technician with a focus on nutrient management is responsible for implementing conservation activities to meet program goals by providing education, technical assistance, and coordination of conservation projects related to the improvement of soil and water quality within Madison County.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:
- Work with private landowners and operators to adopt voluntary best management practices that reduce sediment and nutrient loading and benefit the aquatic species and ecosystems
- Assist NRCS with inventory & evaluations, surveys, and construction inspections of best management practices in the field.
- Provide information to land users about wildlife habitat, grazing, ponds, drainage and general natural resource questions
- Become proficient in Conservation Desktop, AutoCAD and survey tools to efficiently plan, design and layout structural practices, such as grassed waterways.
- Once proficiency in conservation practices has been achieved, will seek to obtain job approval for Farm Bill Conservation practice/s installation from NRCS.
- Assist in developing, conducting, and promoting field days, tours, workshops and other informational events.
- Raise awareness of conservation program opportunities by writing news articles, creating flyers and posting on social media
- Serve as District liaison at community outreach events and giving presentations at schools.
- Participate on committees such as the Central Ohio Partnership Invasive Species Management Committee, Gwynne Conservation Area Committee, and Madison County Ecological Education Initiative
- Record activities and outcomes into Beehive Timesheet.
- Attend training schools provided by the ODA, NRCS, etc. within the ability of the district finances.
- Other duties and responsibilities as directed by the District Administrator.

Minimum Qualifications:
- Minimum of bachelor’s degree in the agricultural or natural sciences, environmental science, geology, geography or a closely related field, along with a copy of a college transcript.
- Successfully pass a background check and drug test.
- Valid Ohio driver’s license and be insurable to drive County vehicles.

Knowledge, Abilities, and Skills:
- Actual farm experience and/or natural resource management
- Knowledge and understanding of governing rules, working agreements, regulations and strategic plans specific to Madison SWCD, ODNR Division of Soil & Water, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA Farm Service Agency and other conservation organizations (i.e. Ohio Department of Agriculture, Ohio EPA, Ohio Cooperative Extension Service, and Army Corps of Engineers).
- Ability to meet deadlines and communicate to supervisor when assistance is needed/desired.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills

WORKING CONDITIONS:
- Office and field working environments
- Must be able to traverse various types of terrain.

Machines/Equipment/Tools Used:
- The use of some equipment for field work that weighs 60lbs or less
- Office tools: printers, telephones, photocopier, etc.