

## Freeborn County SWCD Conservation Technician/Outreach position announcement

### Position Summary:

This position will assist with the technical aspects of implementing conservation practices. This position works with landowners, communities and other local units of government to install conservation projects and implement conservation programs. This position will also be working with landowners on the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP).

**Duties and Responsibilities:** The following duties are normal for this position. These are not to be construed as exclusive or all-inclusive. Other duties may be required and assigned.

Implements conservation practices to assist landowners with technical knowledge in the reduction of soil erosion and other pollutants from entering the surface water as well as groundwater. Assists with developing and implementing conservation practices through the local, state, and federal conservation programs.

- Utilizes GIS/ARC View Software to implement programs.
- Develops Conservation Plans.
- Assists landowners by planning and applying conservation practices through state and federal conservation programs.
- Coordinate site investigations and inventories that include spot checks for State Cost Share, RIM/CREP and Buffer Law, etc. for the SWCD.

Performs other work and assists other staff and individuals to implement and promote conservation programs for the Freeborn County SWCD.

- Attends and professionally represents the SWCD at various meetings.
- Assists with SWCD District workload as assigned by the District Manager, i.e., board meeting preparation, meeting minutes, customer service, education, outreach, etc.

Continues professional development by improving knowledge, skills, and abilities relevant to the management and implementation of Natural Resource programs, so that the SWCD will operate in a state-of-the-art fashion through the following:

- Identifies and requests appropriate training.
- Attends training courses, classes and conferences approved by the District Manager and/or Board.

**Required Experience and Education:** Background – agricultural, construction or natural resources with an interest in conservation and protection of natural resources.

- A two-year degree in biology, environmental science, agronomy and soil or equivalent experience. Ability to work independently. A valid driver's license is required.

- **Compensation and Benefits:**

This is a full-time position. Salary range is \$18 - \$20 per hour DOQ. The position is in Albert Lea, MN. Application deadline is 4:00 p.m. July 5, 2022. Freeborn County SWCD is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### How to Apply:

Applications are available by mail and email. **(Only fully completed applications will be considered).**

Please visit our website to email or call to request application

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