

Wanted: Perfect Watershed Coordinator*

Job Description:

Work with the _____ River/Creek/Lake [board/steering committee/conservancy] to:

- Execute the decisions of the _____ River/Creek/Lake Steering Committee
- Engage stakeholders in the watershed and develop committed support for watershed protection and restoration from landowners, local government, state and federal agencies and local community organizations
- Coordinate inventory, monitoring, and assessment activities
- Coordinate the development of a watershed plan, and produce the plan document
- Coordinate the implementation of the plan
- Plan and orchestrate workshops, field days, tours, canoe trips, clean-ups
- Write/create newspaper articles, newsletters, brochures, presentations, exhibits
- Write grant proposals and seek in-kind and cash support; fill out forms, file reports, and balance the budget

Skills and Abilities:

- Leadership (but gently, and sometimes invisibly)
- Must be very well organized
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Able to talk with equal ease to the mayor, the pork producers, the bass fisherman, the lake association, the County Council, and the little old lady who is convinced the government poisoned her cat.
- Already knows or can quickly learn GIS, and comfortable with Word, Excel, Access, etc.
- Able to run meetings that are so productive and enjoyable, people can't wait to come back
- Able to multi-mega-task, type while on the phone, and drive while eating
- MUST be patient, energetic, cheerful, patient, dedicated, upbeat, and patient!!!

Requirements:

- Degree in natural resources, agriculture, watershed management, or related fields
- _____ years of field experience in watershed planning/coordination
- Working knowledge of [agriculture/limnology/hydrology/aquatic biology/nonpoint source pollution/habitat restoration/facilitation/conflict resolution etc]
- Work space will be provided. Applicant must provide their own transportation and will be reimbursed for mileage. Some training will be provided.

Compensation:

- Annual salary/contract range \$22,000 to \$40,000 based on experience and responsibilities
- Hours unpredictable and way too long; frustration level beyond belief
- All the fast food, donuts, and Pepsi you can stand
- Meeting really wonderful people, and learning more than you thought your brain could hold
- Incredible satisfaction of seeing the community achieve something they didn't know they could do
- Actually making your corner of the world a better place

**All of this description is serious; however, while reading , prepare to occasionally insert tongue in cheek.*