

Position Announcement

District Soil and Water Conservation Technician

Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District
815 E. Highway 92
Winterset, IA 50273
(515) 462-2961 ext. 3 | www.madison-swcd.org

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Develops conservation plans by scheduling practices that protect, conserve, and enhance natural resources.

- Displays a strong understanding of state and federal conservation programs available to landowners.
- Advises landowners on conservation practice options that address natural resource concerns on their land.
- Effectively communicates programs and technical and financial options available to landowners to address the resource concerns.
- Provides technical support to certified conservation planners by collecting data and utilizing tools and equipment available through the field office.

Under the direct supervision of professionals, this employee will complete the technical design and layout of conservation practices according to state and or NRCS standards and specifications.

- Schedules field visits, completes on-site inspections, conducts preliminary surveys, and prepares cost-estimates for conservation practice installation.
- Completes layout, design, and checkout of conservation practices such as terraces, waterways, and cover crops using survey equipment and computer programs.
- Oversees contractor construction and inspects completed practices for compliance with standards and specifications.
- Reviews conservation and construction plans with landowners, staff, and contractors.

Informs and educates SWCD commissioners and attends required meetings and trainings.

- Provides assistance to the Madison County SWCD implementing conservation throughout Madison County.
- Assists staff with conservation education and outreach, in field construction layout, survey and certification.
- Provides courteous, impartial service to all landowners, operators and contractors in carrying out soil and water conservation programs.
- Maintains good working relationships with co-workers promoting a high level of productivity.
- Attends required state and federal meetings and completes required training necessary to retain competencies for the position.
- Has strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Completes a federal background investigation and become an affiliate employee of USDA-NRCS.
- Completes required training as an affiliate of USDA-NRCS.

SUPERVISION

This position is under supervision of the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Commissioners. Coordination of day to day activities is by the NRCS District Conservationist, who may assist in resolving any conflicts in assignments. This position does not supervise other employees.

CIVIL RIGHTS

Delivery of programs and services will be carried out without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age or handicap.

PERFORMANCE

Performance of this position will be reviewed as determined by the SWCD District Commissioners.

COMPENSATION

Commensurate with experience.

To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, and three references to:

Madison County SWCD, Attn: Megan Sutton, 815 E. Highway 92, Winterset, IA 50273;

or email: megan.sutton@ia.nacdnet.net

Applications must be postmarked or received by FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2018 for consideration.

Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District is an equal opportunity provider and employer