

## **Watershed Specialist**

### **Job Summary**

Carroll and Harrison Soil and Water Conservation Districts are looking for a motivated candidate to help promote, assist, and educate landowners about the best management practices for maintaining clean water, healthy soils, and a sustainable landscape. This position will be challenged with developing ways to mitigate how various land use activities are specifically impacting 8 sub watersheds. The candidate has flexibility to shape the Watershed Specialist position to meet the goals set forth by the SWCD and MWCD. The position will be housed in Carroll and Harrison SWCD offices and the hours will be divided equally to serve both counties.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

- Provide leadership in the implementation of conservation practices through the collection and analysis of land use and resource information, identification of stakeholder concerns, establishments of goals, and supporting locally initiated strategies
- Formulate and direct a plan for public outreach pertaining to pollution abatement by creating awareness in both counties
- Develop ways to reach landowners by providing farm tours, field days, and public demonstrations in order to raise awareness of conservation practices offered by SWCD
- Arrange public meetings and educational events; prepare press releases and public announcements
- Solicit and implement grant funded activities and projects of special need; projects and grant reports must meet deadlines and requirements
- Coordinates and develops educational events and materials for county residents to promote on-the-ground conservation practices, cost-share opportunities, and riparian management
- Must be able to make connections between soil/geographic/agricultural data and water quality issues
- Fulfill the Annual Plan of Work

### **Skills & Qualifications**

- Position will require field work, extensive walking, exposure to inclement weather, and may require lifting up to 75 lbs.
- An Associate Degree in Environmental Sciences, Water Resources, or related natural resource management field
- Course work in conservation, watershed management, hydrology, or limnology is ideal
- Working knowledge of watershed issues, non-point source pollution remediation strategies, and watershed management
- Ability to operate standard office equipment and operate a motor vehicle with a valid driver's license
- All duties and actions performed by the employee on official duty, will be of a nature that reflects favorably on both Soil & Water Conservation Districts
- Ability to communicate effectively and courteously with others
- Manage time effectively and self-motivate job duties
- Excellent writing and public presentation skills
- Proficient in GIS, website development and Microsoft office

Application deadline is **February 18<sup>th</sup> by 4pm**. Email resume and 3 professional references to [ktelfer@harrisoncountyohio.org](mailto:ktelfer@harrisoncountyohio.org) or mail to Harrison SWCD 538 N. Main St. Cadiz, OH 43907