

Position Announcement: DISTRICT TECHNICIAN

The basic function of the District Technician is to provide technical and educational support to staff, landowners and other conservation partners on behalf of the Board of Supervisors in order to provide a well-balanced conservation program in Darke County.

Duties and Responsibilities

Assist rural and urban land users with conservation planning; recommend appropriate conservation practices including drainage, erosion, and animal waste pollution abatement practices, vegetative and cropping system practices, pond construction and management practices.

Make site visits, engineering surveys and soil investigations; recommend need and feasibility plans; design, lay out and supervise construction; inspect completed practices and recommend acceptance to District Conservationist or relevant parties. Maintain proficiency in the use of surveying equipment, and collection of field data and notes. Complete any related administrative and reporting tasks associated with projects.

Help conduct educational activities and programs including but not limited to: Conservation Day Camp, Pond Clinic, sales, field days, presentations, and online activities.

Report directly to Darke SWCD Board of Supervisors through the District Administrator, as well as be a liaison to work with other SWCDs, county governments, agencies, communities, landowners, and other conservation partners; participate in relevant training opportunities, including the Ohio Technician Development Program.

Desirable Qualifications

Possess at least a 2-year degree in Natural Resources, Environmental, Agriculture, or related field; or relevant work experience in a conservation related field.

Proficiency in surveying tools, AutoCAD Civil 3D, ArcMap, note taking, Microsoft Office products. Experience in conservation or engineering plan design preferable.

Familiarity with conservation issues preferred, but not limited to: conservation planning, soil science, erosion, drainage, agricultural best management practices, stormwater management, zoning, land use, wetlands, streams, pond construction and maintenance.

Organized individual, capable of managing multiple projects and working with minimum supervision; capable of working in both the office and outdoor field environments, including potential rigorous field work in extreme weather conditions; ability to lift minimum of 50 pounds.

Must possess valid Ohio driver's license and be insurable.

Salary and Benefits

Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Benefits package includes the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS), Health and Life Insurance, paid holidays, vacation time, sick leave, compensatory time and deferred compensation.

Application Process

Applicants are asked to send a resume, cover letter and three references to the Darke SWCD office located at 1117 Southtowne Court, Greenville, Ohio 45331, Attention: Jared Coppess. Further details can be requested by emailing jared.coppess@darkeswcd.com or calling 937-548-1715, extension 3. Application deadline is Friday, June 24, 2022 by 4:00 pm. Successful applicant will be subject to federal background check as well as driving record check. The district is an equal opportunity employer. The district prohibits any kind of discrimination.

Darke Soil and Water Conservation District

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