

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Watershed Conservation Specialist

Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District

Statement of Duties: The Cayuga County Soil & Water Conservation District has a job opening for a Watershed Conservation Specialist. This is a technical and administrative position that will have specific duties related to Natural Resources Management and Non-Point Source pollution abatement. This professional position is responsible for assisting with the countywide farm inventory and assessment, the development of Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) plans and assisting with the implementation of water quality based programs with an emphasis in the Cayuga, Owasco and Skaneateles Lake Watersheds.

Examples of demonstrated skills, experience, abilities and/or certifications that interested applicants may hold that relate to the position include the following:

- Nutrient Management and Water Quality Improvement Planning
- Utilization of computer based programs such as ARC GIS, AutoCAD and database tools
- The ability to survey, design and implement agricultural best management practices
- Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) or related
- Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC)
- Practical knowledge of NYS Programs including Ag Non-Point Source Abatement and Control Program and Agricultural Environmental Management Program.

Starting Salary & Benefits: Starting salary range for the position is between \$40,000 and \$55,000 and based on skills and experience. Benefits include vacation, paid holidays, sick leave, health insurance and participation in the NYS Retirement System.

Minimum Qualifications:

- (A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or NYS registered college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in Agronomy, Agricultural Engineering, Environmental Science, Environmental Studies, Natural Resources Conservation, Water Resources Planning, Soil & Water Science, or related field: **OR**
- (B) Graduation from a regionally accredited or NYS registered college or university with an Associate's Degree in Environmental Science, Environmental Systems, Environmental Technology, Soil & Water Science, or related field **AND** 2 years of experience in agricultural or non-agricultural water quality management, one year of which should have included responsibility for program planning, development and implementation; **OR**
- (C) An equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of (A) and (B) above.
- (D) Possession of a valid NYS Driver's license at the time of the appointment.

Application: Send resume and cover letter to:

Cayuga County SWCD
Attn: Doug Kierst
7413 County House Road
Auburn, NY 13021

Application information can also be emailed to dkierst@cayugaswcd.org

The Watershed Conservation Specialist position will remain open until filled.

Questions regarding this job announcement can be directed to Doug Kierst, Executive Director at (315) 252-4171 ext #3.

The position is provisional and will be made permanent dependent on the selected candidate scoring in the top three of the Cayuga County Civil Service examination for Watershed Conservation Specialist, when offered.