

BOONE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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The Boone County Soil and Water Conservation District is seeking applications for a full time position as a Resource Conservationist who will provide technical assistance to federal, state and local agricultural programs. The Resource Conservationist will work in cooperation with the District's Board of Supervisors, SWCD staff, the United States Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); the USDA, Farm Service Agency (FSA); the Indiana State Department of Agriculture; the Indiana State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB); and other partnering agencies.

Position Description for:

Resource Conservationist

Position Summary:

Provides technical and educational assistance to landowners/users in developing, planning and applying natural resource conservation measures and for developing, coordinating, administering, and implementing a county natural resource program, including watershed management.

Responsibilities:

Work with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to perform and assist with survey work for conservation projects, waterways, filter strips, CRP.

Respond to soil erosion concerns by residents/landowners

Review construction plans for Rule 5/plans must meet erosion control measures required by the state.

Periodic Inspection of sites and report findings to the State/IDEM/DNR and developers with violations.

Provide soil reports for new home sites, development sites for TAC meetings. Work with the surveyor and health department.

The county has 4 watershed projects. Eagle Creek, Sugar Creek, Big Walnut (Eel River) and Big Raccoon. Will work on having landowners install conservation practices with state grant money available.

Maintain Drill and Seeder for landowners to use during year.

Maintain/use the Rain Simulator for educational purposes.

Work with landowners with partnering agencies with the On Farm Network Program. Over 25 fields in Boone County are enrolled in this program. Samples are to be taken periodically throughout the year to test stalks, soil, etc.

Coordinate Field Days, FFA Soil Judging, 4-H Display, Home and Garden Show and School Field Day events.

Schedule and assist with the yearly Tillage Transect.

During times the Federal Government has the farm bill “in limbo”, the NRCS is not allowed to continue with projects however the local SWCD office can perform some duties such as review of sites and surveys. In 2013, we performed 35 CRP I & E’s in Boone County.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor’s degree or equivalent experience and skills in agriculture, environmental science, natural resource management or related discipline

Knowledge of various conservation and farming practices, to include grain, livestock, forestry and other niche farming.

Excellent organizational, writing, and speaking skills; capability to communicate to a diverse audience

Computer skills including Microsoft Office software and ARC MAP GIS and/or other GIS software programs.

Enthusiasm, self-motivation, and optimism

Ability to work in a multiple team environment

Valid Driver’s License

Must be able to pass a background check.

Please send resume with cover letter to:

Boone County Soil and Water Conservation District
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Attn: Scheryl Vaughn

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