

JOHNSON COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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The Johnson County SWCD is seeking applicants for a full time position as an Agriculture Resource Specialist who will provide technical assistance to federal, state and local agricultural cost share programs. The Agriculture Resource Specialist will work in cooperation with the District's Board of Supervisors; the United States Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); the USDA, Farm Service Agency (FSA); the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA); and the Indiana State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB).

Position Description for:

Agriculture Resource Specialist

Responsibilities:

1. Assist local NRCS District Conservationist (DC) and Conservation Implementation Team (CIT) with marketing, planning, surveying, design and inspection of constructed conservation practices, urban and rural
2. Maintain a working knowledge of the conservation programs, eligibility requirements and engineering standards in the electronic Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), as well as emerging urban practices
3. Promote and market the use of federal, state and local conservation cost share programs through the development of informational brochures and mailings, conducting meetings with landowners and farmers, and advertisement of available programs
4. Establish and maintain a working relationship with regional FSA, NRCS, ISDA, SSCB and SWCD staff
5. Serve as liaison between the SWCD and NRCS, as well as, landowners and/or tenant farmers to ensure timely implementation of cost share programs and practices
6. Complete and submit grant applications to secure federal, state, local and private funds to implement cost share programs within Johnson and Morgan counties

7. Assist SWCD staff with educational programs
8. Other duties as required

Qualifications:

1. Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience and skills in agriculture, environmental science, natural resource management or related discipline
 2. Knowledge of various conservation and farming practices, to include grain, livestock, forestry and other niche farming
 3. Excellent organizational, writing, and speaking skills; capability to communicate to a diverse audience
 4. Computer skills including Microsoft Office software and ArcMap GIS and/or other GIS software programs. Knowledge of AutoCAD is a plus
 5. Enthusiasm, self-motivation, and optimism
 6. Ability to work in a multiple team environment
 7. Valid Driver's License
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Compensation:

The salary range for the position of Agriculture Resource Specialist is \$30,000 - \$35,000/yr, plus benefits totaling \$500 per quarter