



GOLDEN SANDS

RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.

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a 501(c)3 non-profit conservation organization

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Soil Conservationist

Position Locations:

1 position: Green Lake, Wisconsin

Overview:

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. is seeking **1 Soil Conservationist** for a 3-year term position. These positions will work in a joint capacity with Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council Inc. (Golden Sands RC&D) and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) to promote, accelerate enrollment, and coordinate and implement the conservation provisions of the Farm Bill. These positions will be based in a NRCS Service Center and will provide conservation technical assistance to agricultural producers. Position duration may extend beyond 3 years, dependent upon funding availability.

Soil conservationists will be responsible for a variety of duties which assists NRCS District Conservationists and Area Staff Specialists in developing and carrying out a coordinated natural resources conservation program that is tailored to customers' needs and meets USDA and NRCS requirements.

These positions are made available as a result of a cooperative agreement between Golden Sands RC&D and NRCS.

Duties:

Provides technical assistance to private landowners (i.e. individual farmers), local government bodies, tribal entities, state and Federal agencies, and the general public in the development, application, and maintenance of a coordinated natural resources conservation program.

Works with farmers to develop conventional conservation plans addressing natural resource concerns; provides information concerning Farm Bill conservation programs; and develops conservation contracts according to the NRCS Conservation Program Contracting Manual. Performs on-site inventory and evaluations; recommends and assists in conducting necessary preliminary surveys; and provides recommendations for feasible practices to solve resource concerns. Recommends conservation practices to farmers which help control erosion and conserve soil and water.

We are a 501(c)3 non-profit conservation organization celebrating over 45 years of solutions for a healthy environment and economy.

Serving the Wisconsin Counties of Adams, Columbia, Green Lake, Juneau, Marathon, Marquette, Monroe, Outagamie, Portage, Taylor, Waupaca, Waushara & Wood

Performs informational duties such as writing stories and news articles, giving talks at meetings; participating in conservation demonstrations; conducting conservation field tours; and staffing NRCS and Golden Sands RC&D displays at various outreach events, and attending meetings as a Golden Sands RC&D representative.

Occasional travel required.

Performs other related duties as assigned.

Required Skills:

- Ability to communicate clearly and effectively with agricultural producers with a focus on understanding their goals and objectives for their property.
- Knowledge of soil conservation, agronomy, natural resource conservation, and ability to utilize planning tools in the development of conservation plans.
- Ability to work independently with limited supervision and with diverse clientele.
- Strong commitment to quality customer service with landowners and partners.
- Knowledge of USDA Farm Bill conservation programs.
- Excellent verbal and written communication.
- Strong organizational skills.
- Valid driver's license required; some use of personal vehicle required (mileage reimbursement provided).
- Able to obtain USDA Federal Security Clearance.

Education Requirement:

Bachelor degree (minimum) in natural resource management, soil conservation, or related agricultural field.

Compensation:

\$16.90 - \$27.31 an hour commensurate with experience. Benefits include an insurance stipend, Life/LTD/STD/ADD, paid time off, and a Simple IRA retirement plan.

Application Requirements: Submit a cover letter and resume along with three professional references.

Application Deadline: January 9th, 2022

Start Date: Early February 2022

Submit Application Package as PDF file to: info@goldensandsrcd.org

For questions about this position or application process, contact Hannah Butkiewicz, Executive Director:
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