

Priority Watershed Implementation Technician

Job Description

The Priority Watershed Implementation Technician works with Priority Watershed Coordinators to insure that best management practices are designed and installed according to the correct specifications. As such, they must be proficient in NRCS specifications and be at least a level II certified plan writer. A large part of this job will consist of teaching planning and watershed coordinating skills to new watershed planners so this person must have demonstrated teaching ability. In addition, they must possess advanced skills in developing and writing farm plans, should have a basic understanding of soils and how soil properties affect practice design and an understanding of normal agricultural practices in all of the watersheds under their indirect supervision. This person will coordinate with NRCS on all planning requiring special engineering or involving uncommon practices. This position is a flexible, part-time position, requiring approximately 20 hours per week. Salary for this position is approximately \$18.00 - \$25.00 per hour.

Duties and Responsibilities

Teach all best management practice implementation-related aspects of the Watershed Coordinator's job to new employees in this job classification including but not limited to the following:

1. Planning and writing basic farm plans including all necessary paperwork needed for final implementation of plans and reimbursement of claims to landowners.
2. Designing best management practices necessary for implementation of said farm plans
3. Interacting with conservation district board members, employees and NRCS field staff in all aspects required.

Other duties of the Watershed Coordinator that this position can help educate new Coordinators on include:

1. Organizing WAG groups and chair WAG meetings.
2. Tracking conservation plan dollars including funds obligated, funds expended and status reviews that may result in release of obligated funds.
3. Ensuring that targeting is being addressed and that WQ concerns are being met.
4. Participating in watershed educational events including producer education and volunteer monitoring.
5. Planning and conducting meetings of water quality and/or conservation professionals as well as meetings of watershed residents.

Educational Requirements

A minimum of a bachelor's degree in agricultural, biological or environmental science is required as well as at least 5 years as an NRCS Soil Conservationist or equivalent.

Direction and Supervision of Work

All direction and supervision will be given by the OCC-WQ Director or his designee