

CONSERVATION AIDE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This position exists in the Herkimer County Soil and Water Conservation District and performs a variety of technical duties related to the establishment of conservation practices concerning land and water on public and private properties. Employees in this class are expected to assist in various projects such as surveying, collecting data, hydroseeding, and assisting with informational/educational activities related to natural resource conservation. Work is performed under direct supervision of the District Manager. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

- Assists with surveying for soil and water conservation practices;
- Assists with education and outreach programs;
- Assists with the earned income programs administered by the Soil & Water Conservation District;
- Assists with a wide variety of erosion control, water quality, and agricultural field work issues;
- May collect data;
- Assists with invasive species program;
- Implements natural resource programs and tasks such as hydroseeding;
- Assists with stream bank erosion projects.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Working knowledge of principles and practices of natural resource conservation; working knowledge of agriculture operation and practices; ability to compile data and prepare written documents; good verbal and interpersonal communication skills; ability to work with maps; good mechanical aptitude; manual dexterity; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

EITHER (A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with an Associate's Degree in environmental technology, mechanical or civil engineering technology, natural resource conservation, agriculture technology, or related field;

OR (B) Graduation from High School or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and two (2) years of experience in construction, land surveying, natural resource protection, landscaping, engineering or a related field

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT

Possession of a New York State Driver's License

Competitive Class

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