

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB) Conservationist – 2 Year Multi-County Position

Location: This position is offered by the Defiance Soil and Water Conservation District at 06879 Evansport Road * Suite C, Defiance, Ohio 43512. It is a full time position, subject to a 6 month evaluation. The position will be the under the administrative supervision of the Defiance SWCD Board of Supervisors and the day to day supervision of the Defiance SWCD District Program Administrator.

The position will include surveying, field work, laying out practices, construction checks, design, conservation planning, participation in NRCS customer toolkit, and the Technician Development Program with ODNR, direction from the District Conservationist, other duties as assigned.

This position is being funded under a federal grant program for a two year period.

Applicants should have background in natural resource management, conservation practices, knowledge, experience or training in resource management and conservation practices, environmental science and agriculture with a minimum of an associates degree or an equivalent combination of training and experience.

Computer Requirements:

Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, any knowledge in ARC GIS or CAD programs would be helpful).

Administrative Requirements:

Self-motivation, organizational skills, take direction from others, oral and written communication, ability to work with landowners and general public, team leadership and positive attitude and create a favorable image of the District while accomplishing the required tasks..

The position will require extensive field work and the ability to traverse uneven terrain by foot. A valid Ohio driver's license and the capability to be insurable will be required. Applicants will be contacted by phone for interview appointments. Background checks will be conducted and aptitude test could be administered.

Annual salary will be \$29,000 – \$31,000 based on experience plus benefits. Benefits include health insurance, Medicare, Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, vacation and sick leave.

All programs, services and activities of the Defiance Soil and Water Conservation District and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status or handicap.

Applicants should provide a resume, two non-family references and a cover letter indicating why you are interested in the position by 4:00 pm, February 16, 2010 to the Defiance SWCD, 06879 Evansport Road * Suite C, Defiance, Ohio 43512. Questions can be directed to Jeff Ankney at jankney@defiance-county.com or call 419-782-8751. Fax is 419-782-1791.