

Job Description

Job Title: Soil Scientist 2
Job ID: 621146
Apply Before: 02/12/2019
Location: Decatur County
Full/Part Time: Full-Time
Regular/Temporary: Regular
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Hire Salary:

The starting salary for this position is \$33,748.

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About the job

Incumbent serves at the senior level in a field location with the Division of Soil Conservation providing soil and water resource-related technical assistance to agricultural and urban land users within a regional team. The assistance consists of facilitating the application of measures that protect and enhance the quality of soil and water and other natural resources. The incumbent will work cooperatively with conservation partners to finish assigned work and serve as a member of the regional team. **This position will be located in Decatur County (Greensburg) and cover Decatur, Bartholomew, Shelby, and Rush Counties.**

A day in the life

- Conducts engineering field surveys for the purpose of designing structural and agronomic erosion and sediment control practices on agricultural land.
- Prepares the design and completes engineering field layout of erosion and sediment control practices.
- Meets with land users to encourage continued pursuit of conservation efforts, installation of planned practices, and proper maintenance of previously applied practices.
- Prepares time and progress reports and maintains field office records of ongoing projects.
- Coordinates with other ISDA Resource Specialists to ensure that technical assistance requests are being adequately serviced.

- Works closely with the regional partners to efficiently accomplish workload throughout the regional team.
- Maintains close working relations with personnel of other divisions in the Department, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and other federal, state, and local agencies and organizations.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

What we are looking for:

- Bachelor of Science degree from an accredited university or college in physical or earth sciences, natural resources, biology, or agriculture. Three years of applicable work experience may substitute for the required degree.
- Advanced knowledge of soil and water conservation theories, principles, techniques, and practices, and expertise in the design, application, installation, and maintenance of those practices.
- Advanced knowledge in surveying, computer-aided engineering design, and layout of conservation practices.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to maintain a valid driver's license.

Benefits:

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