

**POSITION
DESCRIPTION**

Agriculture Technician for Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP)

LOCATION: Monroe County, Monroe, Michigan

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Until filled

STARTING DATE: Open

This is a full-time, salaried position, funded through the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, Western Lake Erie Basin Grant. The position is grant funded with the opportunity for annual renewal on October 1.

The Monroe Conservation District (MCD) is a local units of state government, assisting landowners with the conservation and management of their natural resources. The Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) is an innovative, proactive program that helps farms of all sizes and all commodities voluntarily prevent or minimize agricultural pollution risks.

POSITION OBJECTIVE:

To assist with the implementation of MAEAP in Monroe and Wayne County through on-farm technical assistance, education, and conservation plan development to implement practices. To coordinate local, state, and federal agency resources to help agricultural producers reduce identified environmental risks and make progress toward MAEAP verification.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1. Deliver the Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) by:
 - a. Providing on-farm, one-on-one technical assistance, using farm specific risk assessments.
 - b. Provide education and promotion about ground and surface water protection using displays, newsletters, group presentations, demonstrations, public service announcements, news releases, radio programs and other means.
 - c. Developing conservation or emergency management plans for producers.
 - d. Assisting producers with the implementation of conservation practices.
 - e. Coordinating abandoned well closures.
 - f. Maintaining client confidentiality.
2. Maintains accurate and well-organized records.
3. Provides timely reports and updates to the Monroe Conservation District Board of Directors.
4. Completes and submits regular reports to MDARD.
5. Adheres to grant agreement and guidelines.
6. Completes other essential activities as required by MDARD grant agreement.
7. Completes other duties as assigned.

OTHER FUNCTIONS:

1. Assists with Monroe Conservation District programs such as participating in the annual meeting, tree and native plant sale, reporting. MCD specific programing.
 - a. Computer skills and experience in Windows Word, PowerPoint, and Excel. GIS experience is helpful.
 - b. Certified Pesticide Applicator.
 - c. Excellent organizational, management, written and verbal communication skills.
 - d. Exhibit social and interpersonal skills.
 - e. Public speaking.
 - f. Work cooperatively with other District and agency personnel.
 - g. Must be able to work efficiently outdoors in varying conditions and rough terrain; approximately 40% office-related activities and 60% field-related activities.
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- annual meeting, tree and native plant sale, reporting. MCD specific programing.
- i. Regular travel to farm locations around the county is required.
- j. Must be able to pass a Federal Background Security Check.
- k. Must have received a Covid-19 vaccine.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Education: A minimum of a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture, natural resources management, animal, crop, environmental, agronomy, dairy, and/or soil science; or horticulture is required.
2. Experience: A minimum of two years of experience in natural resources or agriculture fieldwork is preferred. Knowledge of and experience working with agricultural producers and practices is preferred.

COMPENSATION PACKAGE:

Salary: \$19.00 – 23.00/hour, commensurate with education and experience.

Benefits: Worker's Compensation Insurance coverage
 Unemployment Insurance coverage
 Mileage reimbursement for business related use of personal vehicle.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

Position is supervised by the District Manager of the Monroe Conservation District.

Employment will require completion of a work agreement and annual performance evaluations.

Please Send Cover Letter, references, and resume to:

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mail to the address below or put in the drop box at the same address.
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