



Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District

Position Posted: Conservation Technician

Applications Due October 21st, 2022
Expected Start Date: November/December 2022

Description:

The Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District (CLMCD) is seeking interested applicants to serve as a Conservation Technician in the area of agriculture/environmental stewardship. The Conservation Technician will be responsible for implementing the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) in all of Chippewa, Luce, and Mackinac counties. The purpose of the MAEAP program is to provide private landowners with on-farm technical assistance. This includes conducting farm-specific risk assessments; coordinating local, state, and federal agency resources to help farmers reduce environmental risks, and assisting farmers in making progress toward environmental verification through MAEAP. The Technician is also responsible for collaborating with other District staff/partners to promote MAEAP and educate diverse audiences on the importance of environmental quality in the Eastern Upper Peninsula. The selected candidate will be based in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and will include assignments in all of Chippewa, Luce, and Mackinac counties. Duties will be performed under the supervision of the CLMCD Executive Director.

Required Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in agriculture/natural resources related program from accredited institution*
- Enjoy working with diverse private landowners
- Superior customer service skills
- Valid state issued driver's license
- Outstanding organization/planning skills
- Willingness to learn agriculture practices/needs
- Excellent written/verbal communication skills
- Reliable personal transportation
- Excellent computer skills – Microsoft office suite
- Experience working on/around farms*

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience with implementing conservation practices on farms
- Marketing/event management skills
- Knowledge base of local agriculture issues
- Knowledge of USDA-NRCS Farm Bill Programs
- Previous experience with Conservation District's
- Experience in educational writing for general public

Compensation:

This position is funded by an annually renewed grant provided by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) to CLMCD. The technician starting wage is \$45,000 with wage step increases provided with completing required trainings and positive work performance. The technician will be required to work 40 hours/week and compensated on a bi-weekly basis. Regular hours of duty are between 8:00am 4:30pm, but includes night and weekend hours with schedule flexibility. Candidate will be required to use personal vehicle at times. Candidate will be required to use personal vehicle at times. Benefits include paid time off (PTO), holidays, Flex time, and \$2,080 yearly contribution to a retirement savings.

About the Area:

Sault Ste Marie is unique waterfront community with many historical attributes and diversity of people. Sault Ste Marie is very much a small town with affordable housing options and quaint local businesses. Sault Ste Marie has much to offer to someone looking to get away from a larger town or city. The greater Eastern Upper Peninsula is an outdoor lover's dream with world class fisheries, hunting, hiking, ATVing, paddling, and other outdoor activities with unlimited places to see including the Hiawatha National Forest, Tahquamenon State Park, Mackinac Island, Drummond Island, Les Cheneaux Islands, Paradise, and thousands of acres to roam in between. Sault Ste Marie's sister city of Sault Ste Marie, Ontario Canada is just a short 4-mile bridge crossing that boasts many unique/culturally rich food choices and shopping options. Sault, Ontario also opens a whole new door to outdoor adventure with the more rugged/rocky Algoma Highlands that features mountain biking, downhill skiing, hiking, endless beaches, and provincial parks.

How to Apply:

Serious applicants should **submit a professional resume, cover letter, and a list of three (3) references to clmcd@macd.org with the subject: MAEAP Position** or mail to CLMCD C/O Mike McCarthy, 2847 Ashmun St, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 for consideration. **Application materials are due by October 21st, 2022 by 4:00pm or until position is filled, preference will be given to applications received by that date.**