



Saginaw Conservation District

Job Posting: Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) Technician

POSITION SUMMARY

The Saginaw Conservation District (SCD) is seeking to hire a full-time (40 hours per week) MAEAP Technician. This position serves both Saginaw and Bay Counties, however, is housed in the Saginaw County USDA Office. The focus of this position is to help farmers voluntarily prevent or minimize agriculture pollution risk on farms of all sizes and commodities. The ideal candidate will be experienced with agriculture professionals and best agricultural practices.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

- Deliver on-farm technical assistance using farm and land specific risk assessments, education, and conservation plan development to implement best practices, develop Improvement Action Plans, and suggest cost share to assist in adoption of low risk practices.
- Enter program data into the MAEAP database in a timely manner to keep it current. This data includes Tier I information, leads, field visits, technical assistance, and events.
- Schedule and collect water samples, as assigned by Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), from the service area. Specific standard operating procedures must be followed and proper use of required equipment is expected.
- Coordinate with local, state, and federal agency resources to help reduce identified environmental risks, help landowners make progress toward MAEAP Verification, and re-verifications.
- Provide assistance, as appropriate, to individuals with verified Right to Farm complaints.
- Work closely with local Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) staff to understand and help implement processes available to landowners through Farm Bill programs.
- Collaborate and support SCD programs and activities to promote programs, events, and meetings as necessary to reinforce the importance of sustainable agriculture in the Saginaw-Bay Region.

EDUCATION, KNOWLEDGE, AND EXPERIENCE

- Bachelor's Degree in an Agriculture, Environmental, or Natural Resource management program is required.
- Two or more years of experience in Agriculture, Environmental, or Natural Resources is strongly preferred.
- Knowledge of and experience working with agricultural producers and agricultural practices is preferred.
- Experience collaborating, developing, and delivering agriculture education programs to a variety of audiences in diverse settings is very beneficial.
- Must maintain a valid driver's license and pass a Federal Background Security Check.

COMPENSATION

Wages will be commensurate with education and experience and range from \$20 to \$23.50 per hour with potential to increase based on continued training and certifications. Regular work hours are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. These hours consist of field work, office work, and the possibility of home office work (with approval). Current benefits include 10 paid federal holidays, 156 hours paid time off (PTO) per year, \$50/month cell phone stipend, and \$300/month health insurance stipend.

TO APPLY

Interested applicants must submit: a cover letter, resume, unofficial transcripts, a list of references, and two professional letters of recommendation (**all documents MUST BE IN PDF FORM and file name must include applicants name**) to: saginawcd@gmail.com or mail to: Nadene Berthiaume, District Administrator, Saginaw Conservation District, 178 N Graham Rd, Saginaw, MI 48609. Official transcripts may be requested at the interview.

Deadline for receipt of applications: **November 1, 2021**

Preferred Start Date: **November 29, 2021**