



Temporary Employment Opportunity

Date: March 25, 2019
Position: Partner Biologist (Pollinator Specialist)
Number of Positions: One

Scope of work:

Under general supervision of National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist and West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) Lepidopteran, Odonate and Pollinator Project Leader, conduct professional-level work related to Farm Bill implementation and outreach, management, research and conservation related to monarch butterfly and pollinator conservation and habitat enhancement.

Duties:

The employee will be responsible for assisting the NRCS and WVDNR in outreach to private landowners, state and federal agencies, NGOs, and citizen groups to provide information and technical assistance on monarch butterfly and pollinator conservation using both WVDNR resources and USDA Farm Bill Conservation programs. Develop long-term comprehensive wildlife management plans on private and public land to improve monarch butterfly and other pollinator's habitat, wildlife populations, and other related conservation needs. Assist with public information activities and workshops. Assist in the development of a monarch/pollinator conservation plan for West Virginia. Assist in drafting the manuscript and supporting material for the results of the WV Butterfly Atlas. Receive training on WVDNR and NRCS programs and protocols. Perform other duties as required.

Basic qualifications:

Bachelor's degree in biology or closely related field, preferably with an emphasis on insects.
Knowledge and/or experience with Appalachian pollinators and regional flora.
Knowledge of horticultural requirements and techniques involved in establishing butterfly and pollinator habitat.
Knowledge of invertebrate field survey methods, navigation, use of GPS and digital photography.
Skill and experience with MS Office, ArcGIS and other software tools.

Employment location: Whitehall, West Virginia NRCS office
Employment period: June 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020, with possibility of extension
Wage rate: \$16.00 per hour, up to 1733 hours per calendar year

To apply send cover letter, resume, and three professional references to:

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Deadline to Apply: April 26, 2019

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