CONSERVATION DISTRICT FORESTER VACANCY

The Chippewa/Luce/Mackinac Conservation District (CLMCD) is seeking interested applicants to serve as a Cooperative Resource Management Forester in the area of private lands forestry. The applicant must possess a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry and enjoy working with the public. Experience in forest plan writing, grant writing, and USDA Farm Bill programs preferred.

The purpose of the Forestry Assistance Program (FAP) is to provide private landowners with technical assistance regarding forestry, wildlife habitat, and related natural resource concerns, so that they may make informed decisions about the use and management of their forestlands. The candidate will be housed in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and will include assignments in Chippewa, Luce, and Mackinac counties. Duties will be performed under the direction of the CLMCD Administrator and the District advisory board made up of directors and staff from the Conservation District Board, local, state and federal partners.

This is a one year (renewed annually) grant funded position with a wage range of $17-19/hr, depending on experience. Applicant must have a valid driver’s license and be able to pass a background check. Use of a personal vehicle required (mileage reimbursement provided).

Send resume, cover letter, and writing sample (forest management/stewardship or resource plan) to CLMCD, 2847 Ashmun St, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or email to clmcd@macd.org for consideration. Applications must be received by 4:00 pm EST on Friday November 8th, 2013. CLMCD is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Program Provider.

Chippewa/Luce/Mackinac Conservation District
Forest Assistance Program-Position Description

The Chippewa/Luce/Mackinac Conservation District (CLMCD) is seeking a Forestry Assistance Program Forester. Position requires a minimum of a B.S. in Forestry. This is a granted position renewed annually and the wage will be commensurate with candidate’s experience and education.

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The Chippewa/Luce/Mackinac Conservation District will be the employer of record for this position and will handle payroll and accompanying paperwork. Day to day, administrative supervision will be provided by the District Administrator. Primary office space for the Forestry
The basic requirements for this position are:

- Bachelor of Science degree in forestry
- Good communication skills (writing, public speaking, working with individuals of all ages)
- Computer fluency
- Ability to read various types of maps (aerial, topography, soils) and navigate through properties, accordingly
- Ability to assist CD and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) staff to achieve deliverables as well as short- and long-term goals for the Conservation Districts and NRCS
- Activities:
  - Serves as initial point of contact for non-industrial private forest landowners, local governments, etc. for forest management, wildlife habitat, other natural resource issues or concerns.
  - Fulfill grant agreement requirements and deliverables.
  - Provides on-site land examination and resource evaluation.
  - Provides options regarding forest management.
  - Provides options regarding wildlife habitat management.
  - Prepares written follow-ups that may include appropriate handouts/materials, after visiting with landowners on-site or in the office, as appropriate.
  - Provides advice on tree planting/reforestation for timber production, windbreaks, wildlife habitat.
  - Provides diagnosis and advice on the control of insects, disease, and wildlife pests for individual trees and woodlands.
  - Provides information and makes referrals regarding programs, agencies, organizations, and private sector interests that furnish technical and/or financial assistance for natural resource management activities.
  - Maintains a good working relationship with other forestry assistance providers, both public and private.
  - Provides technical input regarding species selection for the Conservation Districts’ annual tree, shrub, plant sales. (Native species that are useful for reforestation, wildlife habitat, soil erosion control, etc.)
  - Provides advice on the control of sedimentation resulting from forest management activities.
  - Conducts demonstrations and workshops.
  - Prepares correspondence, reports, news articles, newsletters.
  - Assists with preparation of the program documentation, including, but not limited to: annual grant application, Natural Resource Plan of Work, etc.
  - Prepares regular, written reports to Conservation District boards (monthly),
  - Pursue certification with Society of American Foresters (SAF)

A performance evaluation will be conducted annually. Continuing education needs and opportunities will be considered at that time, and as applicable.