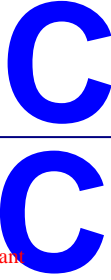




**CAYUGA
COUNTY**

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Watershed Conservation Assistant



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CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

TITLE:	WATERSHED CONSERVATION ASSISTANT
JURISDICTIONAL CLASS:	LABOR (NYSCS JC PENDING)
CIVIL DIVISION:	SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ADOPTION: CSM	5/8/2002
REVISED: CSM	6/14/2017 (Change in Title), 6/12/19

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

This classification is funded through the Cayuga County Soil & Water Conservation District and is temporary employment. Under the direct supervision of a professional or technical supervisor the incumbents assist the Soil & Water District to implement watershed conservation projects. Projects may include streambank restoration, septic system design and testing, soil and water sampling, conservation farm plans, drainage system design and installation, critical area seeding, recreational trail design and construction, rehabilitation of historical buildings, area beautification projects, assistance with environmental education programs and activities for schools and public participation.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

- Prepares and places gabion baskets along streambanks to reduce erosion pollution;
- Assists in the design and implementation of erosion control projects including rip rap;
- Assists with hydroseeding along roadways and fields to prevent erosion;
- Assists with designing, testing, and inspecting of septic systems to prevent groundwater and surface water pollution;
- Assists with soil sampling and water sampling;
- Assists with planning, filing for permits, and implementing Best Management Practices for agricultural conservation projects that reduce stream and groundwater pollution from agricultural waste;
- Assists with designing and constructing new recreational trails and maintenance on existing trails;
- Assists with the design and construction of recreational fields and areas for local towns and villages;
- Assists with the rehabilitation of historical buildings and property to preserve them for tourist visitation (i.e. Erie House, Agricultural Museum, Hazard Library, etc.);
- Assists with the planning and implementation of three annual competitions for the environmental education program for high school students (Regional, State and National Envirothon);
- Assists in the organization and implementation of local stewardship programs;
- Assists in the organization and implementation of local agriculture education programs.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES, & PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing;
Ability to complete reports of observations;
Ability to follow oral and written instructions;
Ability to develop cooperative relationships with associates and to deal effectively with the public;
Ability to lift heavy weights;
Willingness to work in all weather conditions;
Physical endurance;
Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

None are required.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS:

Possession of a current valid New York State Motor Vehicle Operator's License.