



Kent Conservation District

PART-TIME JOB OPENING AGRICULTURAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANT

*Are you easy to talk to? Do you care about the land?
Come join our team and make a difference in your community.*

Major Responsibilities:

To promote conservation practices (cover crops, filter strips, riparian buffers etc.) to agricultural producers in two watersheds (Rogue River and Indian Mill Creek) located predominately in Kent and Newaygo Counties.

Position Description:

Work involves visiting with farmers in the two watersheds and informing them about opportunities to participate in USDA cost share programs that address soil conservation and water quality best management practices. This is a very flexible, part-time position with a maximum of several hundred paid hours from May 2018 through May 2019.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Speak to landowners about the Regional Conservation Partnership Program and the financial assistance that is available for a diversity of conservation practices. Make appointments with landowners as needed. May involve considerable travel in Kent and southern Newaygo Townships. You will be trained on how to properly promote key NRCS conservation practices and explain how landowners qualify for and receive financial assistance.

Required Qualifications:

- High School graduate with two years' experience with farm related work.
- Valid Michigan Drivers' license.
- Access to private owned vehicle (candidate will be required to drive their own vehicle)
- Possess a phone.
- Ability to establish and maintain a positive and professional relationship with potential clients.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Associate degree in agriculture or natural resources.
- Familiar with Microsoft Word and Excel spreadsheets.
- Familiar with farming practices in west central Michigan to include row crop/ fruit crops.
- Familiar with USDA-NRCS conservation practices.

How to Apply: Contact Jessie.schulte@macd.org or call 616-222-5801.
Send a letter and three references to Kent Conservation District:
3260 Eagle Park Dr. NE, Suite 111, Grand Rapids, MI 49525
Application deadline is April 29, 2018.

This is a flexible part-time position that could have the potential for renewal.