JOB DESCRIPTION:

Environmental Scientist

at The Conservation Foundation

Job Summary: The Conservation Foundation provides technical staff to the DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup (DRSCW), Lower DuPage River Watershed Coalition (LDRWC), and Lower Des Plaines Watershed Group (LDWG). We are seeking one Full Time Equivalent dedicated to providing technical services to these three watershed groups. The DRSCW, LDRWC, and LDWG are data-driven, forward thinking, not-for-profit organizations that analyze and implement strategies to achieve Clean Water Act (CWA) goals in the DuPage River, Salt Creek, and Lower Des Plaines River Watershed. Membership of the watershed groups is comprised of publicly owned treatment works, local governments, citizen advocacy groups, and professional firms focused on meeting the designated use for aquatic life. Each watershed group is governed by an independent Executive Board responsible for setting the respective group’s agenda and strategic direction.

Position Title: Environmental Scientist
Project: Watershed Groups
Reports to: Stephen McCracken
Travel: Local and regional travel is required.
Compensation Package: $38,000-40,000

Status: Full Time
Classification: Exempt
Location: Naperville, Illinois
Schedule: Flexible Work Schedule
Benefits: Benefits Package Available

The Environmental Scientist will work with the Watershed Group Technical Staff as part of a team to implement basin assessment activities and the development of Nutrient Implementation Plans/Nutrient Assessment and Reduction Plans. Additionally, the Environmental Scientist will assist with core activities including field sampling and database management.

Location: Naperville, Illinois (with some travel to regional offices/events)

Required Qualifications:

- BS in environmental science, earth sciences, data management or related area, 1-3 years of professional experience in environmental consulting, water quality monitoring, wastewater management, stormwater management, watershed management or environmental project management.
- Field sampling experience including the collection of water quality samples and/or deployment/retrieval of continuous monitoring equipment.
- Competence in Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access is essential, competence with ArcGIS and Power BI preferred.
- Ability to analyze, interpret and present complex data.
- Experience and ability presenting technical matter to various audiences.
- Familiarity with the Clean Water Act preferred.

Deadline to Apply: November 22nd, 2019 12:00PM (mid-day)

Please submit your professional qualifications to ddoohaluk@theconservationfoundation.org.
About The Conservation Foundation

The Conservation Foundation is one of the region’s oldest and largest not-for-profit land and watershed conservation organizations. Founded in 1972, The Conservation Foundation has helped preserve more than 35,000 acres of open space, restored and cleaned hundreds of miles of rivers and streams, and educated thousands of children to be good environmental students by engaging them in nature and the outdoors. Work is focused in DuPage, Kane, Kendall and Will Counties to preserve and restore nature at the local level and to provide a reasoned voice for conservation in northeast Illinois.

Our Mission

We improve the health of our communities by preserving and restoring open space and natural lands, protecting rivers and watersheds and promoting stewardship of the environment.

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