

Riparian Buffer Steward/ Conservation District Intern:

The Chemung County Soil and Water District is seeking a dual role summer intern to assist with District Technician workloads and act as the Chemung County Riparian Buffer Steward for Upper Susquehanna Coalition.

This stewardship position is full time (40 hours per week) beginning in May/June and ending in the fall, with a potential for extension. Stewards may adjust their schedule as needed to accommodate for time off, pending approval from the SWCD.

District responsibilities Include:

This position is responsible for supporting the technical planning and implementation of conservation practices on public and private property.

Intern will work directly with District technicians with their workload to include:

Operate machinery to mow/clear debris from County Dams

Assist with District Hydroseeding and Mulching Projects

Perform Routine Maintenance of equipment under supervision

Assists with District earned revenue programs; Bird Boxes, Rain Barrels, Etc.

Steward Description: Riparian buffer stewards support the establishment of young forests, such as riparian forest buffers, throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed in New York and Pennsylvania. Stewards travel throughout a given area to monitor reforestation, perform and coordinate management activities, and write reports. Riparian and young forest restoration is a priority for water and habitat quality within the Chesapeake Bay. Stream, wetland, and agriculture team support may also be required. Stewards will work closely with a SWCD supervisor and as part of the Upper Susquehanna Coalition Buffer Team. This is a great opportunity to become involved in the work of SWCDs, and Chesapeake Bay watershed restoration.

Steward tasks will include: Perform tasks associated with riparian and young forest establishment, including data collection, monitoring, development of management activities and oversight of management. This will include species identification, in field measurements, and report writing.

Perform riparian buffer implementation, including the installation and maintenance of streamside buffers with potential to provide planning and design assistance. Buffer maintenance includes weeding tree tubes, replacing protective materials, weed wacking, mowing, and management oversight.

Provide direct, one-on-one assistance to landowners on buffer implementation and maintenance.

Educate and coordinate with volunteer groups, landowners, and municipalities.

Work with other stewards throughout the watershed performing similar tasks.

Qualifications include: Excellent verbal communication skills with interest in working with the public, valid NYS Driver's License with reliable transportation, ability to perform physically demanding work in an outdoor setting, flexibility to occasionally work weekend hours, and interest in forestry, habitat restoration or public outreach. Ability to utilize ArcGIS is preferred.

Resumes can be emailed to James@chemungswcd.com or dropped off at our office.

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