
Grand River Conservation Authority
Internal/External Job Posting
Temporary Full Time Bargaining Unit Position

Job Reference: # 9244

Job Title:	Conservation Specialist	Job Level:	6 (\$24.21 to \$30.28)
Section:	Conservation Services	Location:	Head Office

Job Overview

The Conservation Specialist (Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program) works with individuals and the community to promote and increase the adoption of conservation practices and projects in the watershed. The Specialist provides technical information to landowners to assist them with the implementation of best management practices.

The Specialist is the main contact for private landowners accessing GRCA's financial and technical assistance programs. The Specialist must work with private landowners by conducting on-site consultations with clients; field inspections and ongoing support to landowners. The Specialist must also coordinate the delivery of various cost-sharing programs and ensure that clients have access to the most appropriate sources of funding. This includes presenting projects to the local committee for review. The Specialist is responsible for liaising with the local program committee. The Specialist also manages data and mapping; related promotional activities, communications and reporting.

The Specialist is responsible for leading and assisting conservation education event planning such as Water Festivals and Earth Days. The purpose of these events and programs is to promote conservation practices to various audiences and client groups.

Specific Accountabilities

1. Work with landowners to develop suitable applications for the various cost share programs and provide technical assistance to ensure successful completion of projects.
2. Prepare and present project files to Review Committees for consideration for various cost-share programs
3. Conduct field surveys and site assessments.
4. Undertake projects relating to agricultural lands and objectives of the Conservation Services Section.
5. Organize and maintain data and project files.
6. Communicate program objectives and project opportunities to potential clients.
7. Coordinate, organize and implement community based activities in support of major program areas as part of a team such as the Brant/Brantford Children's Water Festival, Sunoco Earth Day and other special projects.
8. Develop displays, exhibits and promotional materials to promote conservation programs and practices.
9. Undertake communications and promotional activity in support of major program areas and recruit participants to resource conservation programs.

Technical Accountabilities

1. Degree in Environmental Studies, Geography or a related discipline or equivalent, with one to three years of related work experience.
2. Knowledge of farm practices, rural non-point source controls and best management practices.

3. Knowledge and experience developing educational and promotional materials.
4. Knowledge and experience organizing community events.
5. Knowledge of source water protection and water stewardship activities
6. Advanced written and verbal communication skills and customer service skills.
7. Working knowledge of computer software and GIS.
8. The ability to work with people and create and maintain partnerships and working relationships.

Term of Employment: February 2010 to December 31, 2010

Forward Application to: careers@grandriver.ca (Please send resume and cover letter as PDF or MS Word document.)

Deadline for Applications: 4:00pm Thursday February 18, 2010

We thank you for your interest, however only candidates under consideration will be contacted.