

Agricultural Outreach Specialist Job Description

Essential Duties:

While working closely with the Trust's Agricultural Outreach Coordinator, the Agricultural Outreach Specialist is a position within the Land Protection Department responsible for interacting with stakeholders to advance the mission of the Trust. This position reports to the Director of Land Protection.

The Agricultural Outreach Specialist must be philosophically committed to the mission and vision of Lancaster Farmland Trust and possess a working knowledge of the agricultural industry in Lancaster County and across Pennsylvania. The Specialist is responsible for establishing relationships with a variety of stakeholders including farmers, funders, municipal officials, and state and federal officials, which result in advancement in soil and water conservation practices, better environmental stewardship and water quality improvements.

The Specialist serves as a liaison to farmers - especially those within the Plain Sect community - municipal officials, other conservation organizations, state and federal agencies and the private agricultural sector. The Specialist is responsible for administering grants associated with these activities. The Specialist must be knowledgeable of agriculture in Lancaster County and Central Pennsylvania and must understand and be able to communicate the application of agricultural erosion and sedimentation, conservation and manure/nutrient management plans. This position may require travel and occasional overnight stays outside of Lancaster County. A valid Pennsylvania Driver's License is required.

Specific Duties:

I. Outreach - Farmers

Establish positive relationships with farmers resulting in greater awareness of regulatory compliance and implementation of conservation practices. Act as a liaison with private and public organizations related to technical service and funding for these activities. Organize and oversee workshops, field days, and other educational opportunities. Assist to develop outreach material to promote the Trust's soil and water conservation program.

II. Outreach – Municipalities

Develop and maintain relationships with municipal officials that result in regulatory compliance, agricultural friendly policies and procedures, and fee for service opportunities.

III. Technical Assistance

Provide technical assistance to landowners to implement conservation practices to improve water quality or connect landowners to resources available to acquire necessary technical assistance.

Work with farmers to develop and implement plans for their farms in accordance with Chapter 91 and 102, and Act 38 regulations.

IV. Grant Management

Conceptualize and develop grant ideas which further the objectives of the Trust's soil and water conservation program. Administer and execute the programmatic outputs of grants and provide support to staff on grant reports.

V. Organizational Support

Provide assistance to other departments with projects and events as required. Other duties as assigned by the Director of Land Protection and/or Chief Operating Officer.

To Apply:

Please send resume, cover letter, and three references to Jeb Musser,
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