

Water Resources Management Specialist

Jefferson County's Land and Water Conservation Department (LWCD) has made it their mission to work together to protect and enhance the environment by providing conservation of soil and water resources for Jefferson County while administering State Statutes and County ordinances that conserve and protect our natural resources.

To contribute to the mission of the department, LWCD is currently hiring a Water Resources Management Specialist to provide direction and experience in the management of land and water resources. As an experienced, knowledgeable, and passionate individual, you will be successful in this role while completing the below key tasks and responsibilities:

- Provides technical expertise and education to other County Departments, County Committees, resource organizations and citizens on lakes, rivers, ground water, aquatic invasive species, and wetland issues/concerns, laws, programs, and management.
- Develops, updates, and assists with implementation of lake and aquatic plant management plans.
- Facilitates and participates in meetings of resource organizations and the public to achieve consensus on management decisions/recommendations.
- Implements cost-sharing programs that protect water resources and prevent erosion.
- Performs water quality, aquatic plant, and other resource monitoring in order to determine trends on lakes and rivers and to aid in management plan development.
- Trains citizens how to perform lake and stream water quality monitoring, how to monitor for aquatic invasive species, how to educate boaters about aquatic invasive species laws, and how to implement purple loosestrife biocontrol. Communicates program information to volunteers, distributes equipment, performs field checks, assists with data entry as needed, and performs quality assurance checks on data.
- Provides aquatic invasive species education and outreach to partners and stakeholders including updates on activities and programs, program materials to bait shops, and posts on social media.
- Applies for and administers grants to fund water resources-related projects in coordination with relevant partners. Writes and submits final reports including any required financial accounting for the grants.
- Investigates and provides a response to citizen complaints and concerns involving water pollution, wetland disturbance, invasive species, excess manure spreading, manure runoff, and other agricultural and resource concerns.
- Variety of other tasks necessary

Starting wage: \$28.63/hour Hours: 40 hours/week

Benefits: Eligible for our excellent benefit package with details at the below link

(https://www.jeffersoncountywi.gov/departments/human resources/pay and benefit information.php)

Qualifications Needed:

- Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture, Agronomy, Environmental Sciences, Geography, Geology, Limnology, or other closely related field; or an equivalent combination of education and experience
- Valid driver's license

Qualifications Preferred:

• Bachelor's degree in the above listed fields plus two years' experience

Applications will be accepted as long as position is posted, however, initial screening of applicants will begin: **April 17, 2023**.

Application and position details are available at www.jeffersoncountywi.gov or Jefferson County Human Resources: 311 S. Center Ave. Room 111, Jefferson, WI 53549. Jefferson County is an Equal Opportunity Employer