

**Position Announcement**  
**DISTRICT TECHNICIAN**

The basic function of the District Technician is to provide technical and educational support to staff, landowners and other conservation partners on behalf of the District Board of Supervisors in order to provide a well balanced conservation program in Shelby County.

**Duties and Responsibilities**

Assist rural and urban land users with conservation planning; recommend appropriate conservation practices including drainage, erosion, and animal waste pollution abatement practices, vegetative and cropping system practices, pond construction and management practices.

Make site visits, engineering surveys and soil investigations; recommend need and feasibility plans; design, lay out and supervise construction; inspect completed practices and recommend acceptance to District Conservationist or relevant parties. Maintain proficiency in the use of surveying equipment, and collection of field data and notes; assist in maintaining all District equipment and vehicles.

Help conduct educational activities and programs including but not limited to: annual pond clinic, conservation plant sale, forestry field day, presentations, quarterly newsletters, and web site.

Report directly to Shelby Soil & Water Conservation Board of Supervisors through the District Administrator, as well as be a liaison to work with other SWCDs, county governments, agencies, communities, landowners, and other conservation partners; participate in relevant training opportunities, including the Ohio Technician Development Program.

**Desired Qualifications**

Possess at least a 2 year degree in Natural Resources, Environmental, or Agricultural Sciences, or related field, or relevant work experience in conservation related field.

Proficiency in instrumental field surveying, note taking and compilation, as well as ability to plot survey data. Some experience in conservation or engineering plan design preferred (grassed waterways, etc.).

Familiarity with conservation issues preferred including: conservation planning, soil science, erosion and drainage, agricultural best management practices, zoning/land use, wetlands, streams, pond construction/maintenance.

Organized individual, capable of managing multiple projects and working with minimum supervision; capable of working in both office/outdoor field environments, including rigorous field work in extreme weather conditions.

Good presentation, writing, and math skills required; good computer skills required with proficiency in Microsoft Office products; GIS (ArcView/Map) and AutoCad experience preferred.

Must possess valid Ohio driver's license, and be insurable.

**Salary and Benefits**

Salary will commensurate with education and experience. Benefits package including: Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, health and life insurance, vacation time, sick leave, compensatory time, and deferred compensation.

**Application Process**

Submit resume, and cover letter to Jason Bruns District Administrator, Shelby Soil & Water Conservation District, 822 Fair Rd., Sidney, Ohio 45365 by June 6, 2008. Further details can be requested via email contact: [jason-bruns@oh.nacdnet.org](mailto:jason-bruns@oh.nacdnet.org). or by phone at (937) 492-6520 ext. 112. Successful applicant will be subject to federal background check.