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Subject: NC Plant Conservation Ecologist Position open - closes Feb 9

The Plant Conservation Program is looking to hire an ecologist who will support the stewardship, conservation, and regulatory activities of the program. Please follow the online application procedures. Position is open until February 9 (but may be extended).

Information on Program: www.ncplant.com

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/northcarolina/jobs/1347895/plant-ecologist>

Description of Work

Salary Grade: 72

Hiring Range: \$42,667 - \$55,429

The NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services provides services that promote and improve agriculture, agribusiness and forests; protect consumers and businesses; and conserve farmland and natural resources for the prosperity of all North Carolinians. The Department employs approximately 2000 employees.

This position works closely with a scientific advisory board, a governing board, land trusts, as well as federal, state and local agencies to create initiatives that include land protection, ecological restoration, monitoring, and regulatory programs. Responsible for providing direction for the program's initiatives, especially the management of long leaf pine, Carolina bays, Piedmont woodlands, mountain bogs, and other fragile habitats supporting rare plant communities on the North Carolina Plant Conservation Preserve System and with partners across the state. Reports to the Plant Conservation Program Administrator. Position leads, monitors and evaluates field staff and contractors that implement a variety of natural resource practices including invasive exotic plant management, prescribed burning, hydrological restoration and others that restore and maintain rare plant habitat. This position will represent the Plant Conservation Program at meetings and professional conferences and participate in regional partnerships.

Other responsibilities include identifying sites for land protection and developing landowner relationships for land conservation projects. Position will also provide advice on regulatory matters related to North Carolina's rare and imperiled plant species.

Position is currently located in Raleigh and extensive statewide travel is required.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities / Competencies Ability to identify common and rare species and monitor plant communities

Experience managing natural preserves

Experience managing volunteers and/or supervising staff on a preserve or in a natural resource environment

Experience developing and managing a budget

Good verbal and written communication skills

Knowledge of land conservation practices, including land acquisition

Preferences: Master's degree in ecology, botany, natural resources, forestry, or a related field and at least 2-5 years of work experience; or a Bachelor's degree in one of these fields and at least 7 years of relevant experience in conservation, restoration, or natural resource management.

Minimum Education and Experience Requirements Master's degree in botany from an appropriately accredited institution and two years of related professional experience; or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

Supplemental and Contact Information

Any employment offer may be less than the maximum of the range due to salary equity with similarly situated employees or the selected candidate's related education and experience.

Please follow instructions to apply on-line. It is important that your application includes all of your relevant education and experience. Text or attached resumes ARE NOT accepted as a substitution for a completed application. Those applicants seeking veteran's preference should submit a copy of their Form DD-214.

All positions requiring a Pilot's License or a Commercial Driver's License shall be subject to pre-employment drug testing. All positions requiring a Commercial Driver's License shall also be subject to pre-employment DMV physicals. Selected applicants must obtain a U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) medical certificate prior to employment.

****Note:** When required, you must answer the question(s) for this position or your application will be considered incomplete.**

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