

Shakopee Creek Headwaters Project – A subbasin of the Chippewa River Watershed. The Chippewa River Watershed Project and Prairie Country Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) are seeking a Watershed Specialist to carry out duties associated with a 319 Implementation Grant in the Shakopee Creek subbasin.

Position Title: Watershed Specialist

Position Location: Prairie Country RC&D office in the Kandiyohi County USDA Service Center, Willmar MN.

Classification: Full Time Temporary Grant Position through June 2008 with possible 3 year extension. 40 hours per week. Normal schedule weekdays from 8 to 4:30, some evenings and weekends are required.

Position Responsibilities:

- Coordinate promotion, technical assistance, implementation, and payment of Best Management Practices (BMPs) such as shoreline naturalization, livestock fencing/watering systems/nutrient management, conservation planning, buffer strips, and alternative tile intakes or other special projects with Local Work Group and landowners.
- Continuation of water quality/quantity data monitoring program. Collect samples, maintain equipment, perform flow measurements
- Compilation, analysis, and interpretation of water quality/quantity data and land use data
- Education/outreach campaigns with watershed residents and landowners
- Execution of the Work Plan for the Shakopee Creek Headwaters and Greater Shakopee sub basins of the Chippewa River
- Report to Executive Director of the Chippewa River Watershed Project
- Facilitate monthly meetings of the Shakopee Creek Headwaters Committee
- Budgets, Grant reporting, Elink reporting

Minimum Qualifications:

- 4 year college degree in the natural sciences such as biology, environmental sciences, hydrology, natural resource management or related field or at least 3 years related job experience
- Extensive farm knowledge, background and/or experience with agricultural and environmental issues strongly desired
- Applied experience with Microsoft Office suite of programs. Experience with Geographic Information Systems software ArcView 8 is needed
- Strong communication skills, written and verbal. Must be comfortable speaking and presenting in public and working with individuals
- Possess great organizational skills and be able and willing to work independently.
- Proven ability to handle multiple projects/tasks.
- Knowledge of governmental agencies (NRCS, MPCA, DNR, SWCD, BWSR, County Commissioners, Local Water Plans etc.)
- Possess a valid Minnesota Drivers License
- Be physically able and willing to work effectively in strenuous field situations which may include walking distances sometimes over rough terrain and all weather conditions

Salary: Range from \$29,824 to \$33,671/year depending on education and experience, plus benefits. Grant based funding at base level is secure through June 2008 with additional 3 year extension possible.

Application Procedures: Submit 1) Resume, 2) Introduction letter explaining why you are qualified for and interested in this position, 3) References.

Submit above items either via US mail or electronically to: Kylene Olson, Chippewa River Watershed Project, Personnel Committee, 629 N 11th St., Suite 17, Montevideo MN 56265.

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Closing date: Close of business on Friday, May 11, 2007.

Equal Employment Opportunity: All programs and services of Prairie Country RC&D are available without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, and marital or familial status.