

# POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

## Watonwan County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD)

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**POSITION TITLE:** Conservation Technician  
**DEPARTMENT:** Soil and Water Conservation District  
**HOURS:** Full-time  
**STARTING SALARY:** \$12.34/ hour and PERA retirement plan  
**LOCATION:** Watonwan SWCD office  
**DURATION:** Permanent/Full Time  
**CLOSE DATE:** Submitted to the Personnel Office Watonwan County Courthouse by 5:00 p.m. July 27, 2007

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Watonwan SWCD is accepting applications for a Conservation Technician. This position performs a variety of technical work to support the activities of the SWCD and NRCS. The technician will work with the CREP program, RIM program, State and Federal Cost Share, tree program, and assist with district education programs

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- High School diploma or equivalent (GED)
- Two years of related experience and agricultural background
- Basic computer skills
- Ability to work independently
- Good communication skills
- Ability to maintain effective working relationship with other units of government
- Valid Class D Minnesota driver's license

### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Two-year degree in Natural Resource Management, Soil and Water Conservation Technology, or closely related field, or
- A combination of related experience and education in the above mentioned fields to total four years
- Knowledge of conservation implementation
- Experience with GIS/GPS and other programs
- Experience with surveying

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Promote the Conservation Programs available to area producers including but not limited to, WHIP and EQIP through one on one contact, direct mailings, informational meetings and news releases
- Assist with Farm Bill Programs and State and Federal Cost Share
- Assist with surveying and engineering for project planning, design and construction
- Assist with implementation of conservation practices
- Assist with water monitoring activities
- Requires occasional lifting up to 50 lbs. and/or carrying articles and equipment over rough terrain in inclement weather
- Manages and promote District Tree Program
- Other duties as assigned.

### WORK ENVIRONMENT:

Work is performed in the SWCD office. Many projects and tasks will require fieldwork to gather information and review existing conditions. Field time may include exposure to all types of weather, work in construction areas, uncleared areas, and standing/walking on uneven and slippery terrain. Infrequently lifting up to 50 pounds is required. Equipment used may include, but is not limited to survey equipment, tree planter, seeder, fabric machine, computer, printer, copy machines, and electronic devices.

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Applicants must submit a completed Watonwan SWCD application for employment. The applications can be picked up at 710 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave S. St. James, Mn 56081 or they may be mailed to an applicant by calling (507)375-1298. Individuals selected for interviews will be contacted by phone.

EEO (EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER) The Watonwan Soil and Water Conservation District is an EEO employer. Candidates will be considered without discrimination to race, color, religion, sex, natural origin, politics, marital status, physical handicap, age or membership or non-membership in an employee organization.