

Piedmont Environmental Council
Conservation Officer for Fauquier County
Job Description

Introduction

The Piedmont Environmental Council (PEC) is seeking to hire a conservation officer to conduct PEC's land conservation activities in Fauquier County. PEC, founded in 1972, is based in Warrenton, Virginia and serves nine counties in Virginia's northern Piedmont area. This position will be located in the Warrenton office. PEC now has more than 30 employees in seven offices, and has been instrumental in the protection of over 245,000 acres.

Description of Position

The Conservation Officer will develop conservation solutions for the protection of important resources in Fauquier County. He or she will identify key at-risk properties and natural resources and develop and implement land protection strategies. The Conservation Officer will work with landowners to promote conservation and to assist them in the donation of conservation easements and enrolling in county, state, and federal conservation programs including CREP, WHIP, EQIP, etc. The Conservation Officer will manage a protection fund established to purchase, protect and resell at-risk properties in the Cedar Run Watershed. This will include organizing community outreach activities, as well initiating and completing real estate transactions needed to conserve key properties in the Watershed. He or she will also work to promote land conservation to the general public through communications outreach to the local media. The Conservation Officer will conduct seminars and workshops for landowners, the local professional community, and other organizations in the PEC region. He or she will also work with PEC's Development staff to raise funding for PEC's work in Fauquier County. In addition, the Conservation Officer will work with county governments to encourage county involvement in conservation, and coordinate with other organizations, both public and private, to promote conservation. He or she will also assist the Director of Land Conservation with developing policies to guide PEC's conservation work and to improve local, state and federal incentives for land conservation. He or she will report to the Director of Land Conservation.

Qualifications

- A B.A. or equivalent degree. Graduate degree in natural resources, law or related field preferred.
- Strong oral and written communication skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Experience in working with rural landowners and the farming community.
- Demonstrated commitment to land conservation.
- Prior experience in land conservation, real estate, law or agriculture preferred.
- Requires minimal supervision.
- Willing to work long hours, including some weekends and evenings.

Compensation:

Salary commensurate with experience; competitive benefits.

Interested applicants should mail or fax a letter and resume to:

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