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Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program/Catskills Stream Buffer Initiative Program Planner Exempt Employee - Job Description

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)/Catskills Stream Buffer Initiative (CSBI) Program Planner will perform the duties and tasks associated with the outreach, planning and coordination of the CREP/CSBI Pilot Program, as well as provide assistance with Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) within the New York City watershed.

Basic Requirements:

- Associate's Degree required, Bachelor's Degree preferred in environmental, agriculture or related field or equivalent experience.
- Strong communication skills.
- Proficiency in computer programs including Microsoft office, Excel and Basic GIS.
- Experience working with farmers.
- Must have a valid and current driver's license.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist with the outreach and education of the CSBI Delaware County Pilot Program along with the CSBI Delaware County Coordinator including:
 - Reach out or respond to landowner requests about the program.
 - Conduct field visits to describe and educate landowners about the program.
 - Conduct Pilot Program Survey of Delaware County landowners eligible for CREP/CSBI.
- Develop Conservation Plans to include:
 - Stake out the CREP/CSBI boundaries with landowners.
 - GPS the CREP/CSBI area for accurate acreage measurement.
 - Calculate rental rate and PIP payment projection for landowner decision making.
 - Assist the planning team with conservation planning efforts.
- Coordinate tree planting activities to include:
 - Site visits for tree planting species determination.
 - Tree planting plan development
 - Procurement and contracting of tree planting BMPs
 - Site inspection and documentation of tree planting BMPs
- Assist in the maintenance and follow-up of CREP/CSBI contracts to include:
 - Annual status review and monitoring of tree planting
 - Follow-up activities associated with replanting mortalities
 - Execute and oversee annual herbicide treatments with landowners or contractors if this is approved for up to 4 years.
 - Design package development for herbicide spays
 - Data collection and analysis for research studies
- Other duties as assigned.

Reporting Relationships:

- Works under the direct supervision of the Whole Farm Planning Coordinator or his/her designee.