



AGRICULTURAL OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Organization:

Lancaster Farmland Trust, a private, non-profit land trust dedicated to preserving and stewarding the beautiful farmland of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The Trust has preserved 489 farms and nearly 30,000 acres since it was established in 1988. For more information, please visit www.lancasterfarmlandtrust.org.

Essential Duties:

The Agricultural Outreach Coordinator is a position within the Land Preservation Department responsible for interacting with stakeholders to advance the mission of the Trust. This position reports to the Deputy Director.

The Agricultural Outreach Coordinator must be philosophically committed to the mission and vision of Lancaster Farmland Trust and possess a working knowledge of the agricultural industry in Lancaster County. The Coordinator is responsible for establishing relationships with a variety of stakeholders including farmers, municipal officials, and state and federal officials which results in advancement in soil and water conservation practices, better environmental stewardship and water quality improvements.

The Coordinator serves as a liaison to farmers - especially those within the Plain Sect community - municipal officials, other conservation organizations, state and federal agencies and the private agricultural sector. The Coordinator is responsible for administering grants associated with these activities. The Coordinator must possess or be willing to acquire certification to write agricultural erosion and sedimentation, conservation and manure/nutrient management plans.

Specific Duties:

I. Outreach - Farmers

Establish positive relationships with farmers resulting in greater awareness of regulatory compliance and implementation of conservation practices. Act as a liaison with private and public organizations related to technical service and funding for these activities. Organize and oversee workshops, field days, and other educational opportunities. Develop outreach material to promote the Smart Farms program and soil and water conservation.

II. Outreach – Municipalities

Develop and maintain relationships with municipal officials that result in regulatory compliance, agricultural friendly policies and procedures, and fee for service opportunities.

III. Technical Assistance

Provide technical assistance to landowners to implement conservation practices to improve water quality or connect landowners to resources available to acquire necessary technical assistance.

Work with farmers to develop and implement plans for their farms in accordance with Chapter 91 and 102, and Act 38 regulations.

IV. Grant Management

Conceptualize and develop grant ideas which further the objectives of the Smart Farms program. Administer and execute the programmatic outputs of grants and provide support to staff on grant reports.

V. Organizational Support

Provide assistance to other departments with projects and events as required. Other duties as assigned by the Deputy Director and/or Executive Director.

To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to Jeff Swinehart (jswinehart@lancasterfarmlandtrust.org) by April 27, 2018.