



Human Resources

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REQ. # 08-054

NOTICE OF JOB OPENING
ST. LUCIE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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This position must be posted for at least five (5) working days from 10-04-2008 TO 10-09-2008, but will remain open until filled.

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION
BIOLOGIST
POSITION AVAILABLE
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
OF OPENINGS
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STARTING SALARY
\$34,843.36 - \$55,939.14
COMMENTS
DRIVING POSITION
VETERANS PREFERENCE
It is the policy of St. Lucie County to give preference to eligible veterans and spouses of veterans in appointment and retention in county employment positions in accordance with Chapter 295, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 22VP-1, Florida Administrative Code. Copies of Chapter 295 and Chapter 22VP-1 are available for review in the Human Resources Department.

JOB CODE: 571

PAY GRADE 18

SALARY: \$34,843.36 - \$55,939.14

BIOLOGIST - ENVIRONMENTAL

MAJOR FUNCTIONS: Professional position engaged in a variety of assignments involving environmental lands. Work will include writing management plans, development of upland and wetland restoration projects, writing technical reports, biological/environmental monitoring, data collection, data entry, contractor oversight, and volunteer/program activities including weekend programs. Directs work crews, contractors, and professional and technical staff. This position reports to the Environmental Lands Manager.

KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS NEEDED TO PERFORM THE ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS OF THE POSITION: Knowledge in the field of biology, environmental protection practices, environmental planning terminology. Knowledge of Florida ecosystems, flora and fauna. Knowledge of data collection and interpretation techniques. Knowledge of computers and computer programs. Some knowledge of federal, State and local government environmental laws, regulations and ordinances. Some knowledge of basic construction management principles.

ABILITIES: Ability to express ideas clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing. Ability to keep accurate records, collect technical data relating to environmental issues, and submit reports. Ability to operate a personal computer including proficiency in email, word processing, spreadsheet and database software. Ability to assess environmental quality and potential impacts. Ability to operate equipment, hand tools, camera, ATV's, boats and motors. Performs related work as requested or assigned.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTION: Assists in conducting field inspections and oversee other land restoration and maintenance activities. Assists the Environmental Lands Manager in coordinating infrastructure pertaining to environmental lands programs and projects. Assists with the preparation of status and annual reports to other governmental agencies. Assists in the preparation of management plans to properly manage natural areas/preserves. Monitors vegetation and prepares statistical analysis and summaries. Assists in the resource inventory, restoration, and re-vegetation on assigned management areas. Assists in the development of public use programs. Serves as a member of a prescribed burning crew. Performs other general tasks under the direction of the Environmental Lands Manager.

ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL SKILLS: Use of both arms and legs, good vision and hearing with or without correction. Use of forestry tools and equipment. Frequent walking and standing. Frequent light lifting and carrying (30 pounds or less), reaching above shoulders, kneeling, bending, and squatting. Ability to operate a County vehicle.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION REQUIREMENTS: Extended work in the field under adverse weather conditions. May be exposed to extreme heat, smoke and physical exertion as a member of a prescribed burn team. Extended work inside the office in a sedentary position.

WORK HAZARDS: Work around all types of machinery and motorized equipment. Exposure to chemicals, smoke and fire. Inherent risk of injury while participating in physical activity. Field visits to natural areas/preserves. Exposure to poisonous plants and animals.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT USED OR NEEDED: Safety glasses, protective clothing required where chemicals/pesticides are used.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE: B.S. degree in Biology or Natural Resources Management. A minimum of two years experience in biology or natural resource management with knowledge of herbicide application and prescribed burns preferred.

LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS, OR REGISTRATION: A valid Florida Driver's License and a good driving record are required. Archeological Monitoring Certification and Certified Burner Certification desirable.

Union Non-Union Exempt Non-Exempt

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