

Position Description Restoration Ecologist/Biologist

The Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC) serves as the regional planning and area wide water quality management planning entity for the Dane County region, consistent with §66.0309, Wis. Stats. and state Administrative Code NR 121. The Commission is charged with the duty of preparing and adopting a master plan for the physical development of the region, and maintaining a continuing area wide water quality management planning process in order to manage, protect, and enhance the water resources of the region, including consideration of the relationship of water quality to land and water resources and uses.

Position Summary

The Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC) is the lead agency for the Capital Region Sustainable Communities Consortium (CRSCC). The CRSCC received a three-year Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant (SCRPG) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to refine and execute a “regional plan for sustainable development.” The CARPC will execute components of this regional plan by coordinating intergovernmental efforts to prepare detailed plans for long-term sustainable development, also called Future Urban Development Area (FUDA) planning, in areas throughout the county.

The Restoration Ecologist/Biologist position is a project-term position, funded for up to three years through the SCRPG, to assist in identifying the quality, vulnerability, and restoration potential of sensitive natural resources and habitats in and around urban and urbanizing areas of the region, and performing other inventory and restoration tasks as needed. CARPC seeks an individual with proven capabilities and success in the field. The position will focus on identifying the quality, vulnerability, restoration opportunity, and protection requirements of sensitive natural resources and habitats, both aquatic and terrestrial, such as wetlands, streams, woodlands, and grasslands. Additionally, the Restoration Ecologist/Biologist will contribute to physical planning aspects of general plans to identify opportunities for protection and restoration of such resources. Work will combine design and planning, and involve extensive field work; writing reports; developing plans; creating drawings, diagrams and maps; updating existing inventories; and participating in relevant community planning activities.

Required Capabilities

Candidates must have a degree in conservation biology, restoration ecology, or related field (either undergraduate or graduate), and a minimum of two years of relevant work experience. Additional education and experience in resource delineation and restoration design and implementation is preferable. Certification under the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Wetland Delineation Professional Assurance Initiative is desired, as is working knowledge of ArcGIS. Collaborative work method and the public nature of the work necessitate all team members to possess excellent

oral and written communication skills. Ability to conduct extensive field work alone, access to a dependable car, and ability to drive to different locations in the region are also required for this position.

Salary Range:

Range 15

FLSA Exempt

How to Apply

Please email resume, including three references, in PDF or Microsoft Word and work samples (less than 5 MB PDF only) to ChrisG@CapitalAreaRPC.org or mail resume and work samples to:

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