

## Job Opening for a Conservation Technician



The Walla Walla County Conservation District (WWCCD) is seeking a **conservation technician** to assist with field inspections and various office tasks. The position will start as a full-time, temporary position and may transition into a full-time, permanent position depending on the WWCCD funding. A part-time position may be considered for the ideal candidate.

The District has a talented team of passionate and committed people who are mission-driven and care deeply about serving and improving our community. Our dynamic organization is comprised of volunteer board members and paid staff members who help landowners implement “on the ground conservation”. The incumbent in this position will work closely with local landowners, coworkers, and conservation partners to develop and implement conservation plans specific to each landowner’s needs.

*Our Mission: The Walla Walla County Conservation District is dedicated to the conservation and restoration of the natural resources of Walla Walla County, facilitated by working on a voluntary basis with landowners to identify opportunities and create solutions, while consistently providing education, information, and assistance whenever possible.*

### **Duties & Responsibilities:**

Specific tasks beginning Fall 2019 may include assisting conservation scientists in the following:

Field work including grass/weed identification 10-25%

compiling data pertaining to condition of agricultural grassland or riparian tracts

Landowner/agency communication 10-25%

face to face landowner meetings and partner agency meetings

compiling/organizing data,

Paperwork including contracts, field assessment forms, & grant writing 50-80%

preparing or assisting with accurate project reporting,

drafting grant applications and other documents;

and coordinate multiple projects and timelines with flexible scheduling.

### **Required Knowledge & Skills:**

- Must have 2 year degree or be currently enrolled in one or more of the following areas: agricultural sciences, biology or physical sciences, natural resource management, or a related discipline OR 5 years or more agricultural experience. Knowledge of NRCS conservation planning preferred.
- Ability to import data, analyze data sets, and develop maps and other graphic depictions of plans using combination of ArcGIS (highly preferred) and Microsoft EXCEL.
- Must have great verbal/written communication skills. Must maintain accurate records, be self-motivated, and work positively in groups and independently.
- Must be able to physically perform tasks in the field by traversing uneven ground in varied weather conditions and occasionally carrying up to 30 pounds of equipment and/or materials.
- Must maintain a valid driver’s license and provide a clean driving record at time of hire. Must be able to pass security and drug screening to work in a federal building.

Wage is \$15-17 per hour DOQ. As with all positions at the WWCCD, employment is contingent on grant funding and may change depending on state and federal budget allocations. Submit cover letter and résumé to either [renee.hadley@wwccd.net](mailto:renee.hadley@wwccd.net) or at our office at 325 N 13th Avenue by November 5, 2019 for primary consideration.

**Walla Walla County Conservation District**

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