



Driftless Area Program Manager

Fully Remote • LaCrosse, WI

Job Type

Full-time

Description

POSITION SUMMARY

The Driftless Area Restoration Effort is among the nation's leading habitat restoration programs. Each year, the program delivers more than 20 miles of spring creek restoration, enhancing the region's fisheries and improving downstream water quality. The Driftless Area Program Manager will coordinate partnerships, secure public and private funding, and manage the program's staff and budget. The location is flexible within the Driftless Area of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Coordinate a broad range of partnerships with the Natural Resource Conservation Service, state agencies, county conservation districts, nonprofits, and Trout Unlimited chapters.
- Serve as lead coordinator of the National Fish Habitat Partnership's Driftless Area Restoration Effort (www.fishhabitat.org).
- Secure funding through the Natural Resource Conservation Service's Regional Conservation Partnership Program and other public and private funding sources for habitat restoration.
- Supervise the program's staff, which currently consists of a Minnesota Project Manager and Stream Restoration Specialist.
- Manage an annual budget of \$1 million, including administration of grant awards and processing of invoices with the assistance of TU's Grant Accountant.
- Build the capacity of local partners and contractors to complete restoration projects through project tours and other methods.
- Work with TU marketing and communications staff to develop and maintain website and social media presence for the Driftless Area Restoration Effort and the National Fish Habitat Partnership for the Driftless Area.

Requirements

- At least 3-5 years of experience with staff supervision, grant writing, budget management, and partnership coordination.
- Familiarity with relevant habitat restoration techniques.
- Outstanding communication and interpersonal skills. Establishing and maintaining strong relationships with partners is a core job responsibility.
- Ability and desire to excel at program administration.
- Experience working with county, state and federal resource agencies, including the Natural Resources Conservation Service, strongly preferred.
- Passion for conserving coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.
- Ability and willingness to travel after hours and weekends within the project area. Valid driver's license and own vehicle required.