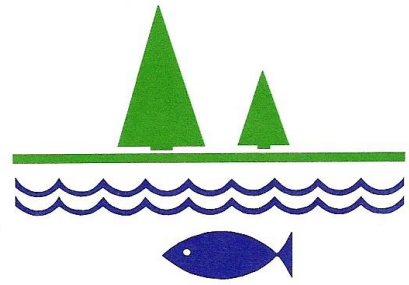


*Broome County
Soil and Water Conservation District*

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The Broome County SWCD is now accepting applications for a Temporary Intern Position. Specifically, a Buffer Steward who will assist the District during the summer 2025 construction season.

Position Description:

Buffer stewards support the establishment of young forests, such as riparian forest buffers, throughout the Chesapeake Bay Watershed in NY. Stewards travel throughout a given area to monitor reforestation, perform and coordinate management activities, and write reports. Riparian and young forest restoration is a priority for water and habitat quality within Chesapeake Bay. Stream, wetland, and agriculture team support may also be required. Stewards will work closely with a SWCD supervisor and as part of the Upper Susquehanna Coalition Buffer Team. This is a great opportunity to become involved in the work of SWCDs, and Chesapeake Bay Watershed restoration.

Steward tasks will include:

- Perform tasks associated with riparian and young forest establishment, including data collection, monitoring, development of management activities and oversight of management. This will include species identification, field measurements, and report writing.
- Perform riparian buffer implementation, including the planning, design, installation, and maintenance of streamside buffers. Buffer maintenance includes weeding tree tubes, replacing protective materials, weed whacking, mowing, and management oversight.
- Provide direct, one-on-one assistance to landowners on buffer implementation and maintenance, and pertaining to natural resource issues.
- Educate and coordinate volunteer groups, landowners, and municipalities; and
- Work with other stewards throughout the watershed performing similar tasks.
- Some layout, implementation and inspection of best management practices related to agriculture and non-agricultural water quality improvements.
- Assist with the implementation of the Districts Hydroseeding Program (preparation of equipment, loading materials, and application of materials).
- Assist with the delivery, setup, calibration, and maintenance of the District's No-till seeder and post driver.

Qualifications include: Excellent verbal communication skills with interest in working with the public, valid NYS Driver's License with reliable transportation, ability to perform physically demanding work in an outdoor setting, flexibility to occasionally work weekend

hours, and interest in forestry, habitat restoration or public outreach. The ability to utilize ArcGIS is preferred.

Supervision/Location: Steward will be based at the Broome County SWCD office located at 1163 Upper Front Street, Binghamton, NY. The steward will be part of the Upper Susquehanna Coalition Buffer Steward Team and will participate in events throughout the watershed. Stewards may be asked to assist in other counties for extended periods.

Schedule: This stewardship position is full time, seasonal (40 hours per week) beginning in April/May and ending in the fall, with a potential for extension. Stewards may adjust their schedule as needed to accommodate for time off, pending approval from the SWCD. Weekend work may be required but will likely be seldom.

Wage: \$15.50/hour

Travel: Travel will be limited to within the Chesapeake Bay watershed in NY. Travel is limited to day trips using a work assigned vehicle.

Please submit a cover letter and resume to Justin Puglisi by FEBRUARY 28, 2025 – at jpuglisi@broomeswcd.org or mail to Broome SWCD, attn: J. Puglisi, 1163 Upper Front St., Binghamton, NY 13905. Applicant review will continue until all positions are filled. We anticipate filling the position by March, 2025.