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Sustainable Forestry & Land Retention
Project

SCHOOL

Forest Management
Wayne Community College

FAVORITE PART OF THE JOB

"I like providing a service to landowners which will help them reach their objectives."

WHY FORESTRY?

"I grew up on a farm in Franklin county. I was a genuine farm boy and participated in 4-h as a student. My father encouraged me to pursue education past high school. Wayne Community College was a small school that allowed me to work outdoors and connected me to career opportunities."

ADVICE

"Be open minded to many different opportunities. Well rounded individuals with different skill sets can find a place in natural resources and agriculture."



PROGRAM MANAGER

PROGRAM MANAGERS PLAN, ORGANIZE, AND COORDINATE PROGRAMS FOR AN ORGANIZATION, BUSINESS, OR INSTITUTION.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Oversee the entire project, which includes the following:
 - Manage financials and secure outside sources of funding
 - Supervise and train employees and volunteers
 - Build relationships between public and private entities, landowners, and community members
 - Provide outreach, information, technical and legal assistance, and education to landowners

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- Level of education will be dependent on program
- Experience can be beneficial but not necessary for entry level position

AVERAGE SALARY

- National Average \$88,000 (reported by ZipRecruiter) Variation in data, dependent on experience/organization

SKILLS NEEDED

- Strong communication skills with the ability to listen to various stakeholders
- Think critically and solve complex problems with creative solutions
- Strong leadership skills in order to carry out the vision of the program and inspire others



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