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.”

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

RESPONSIBILITIES

• Provide outreach, information, and education to landowners.
• Address land loss and help individuals maintain a plan of succession to keep timberland in family.
• Connect resources to landowners including technical and legal assistance, mapping, forest management, planning and implementation, conservation, and restoration.
• Oversee entire project, including budget, securing outside sources of funding, staff, and building relationships between public and private entities, landowners, and community members.

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)

SKILLS NEEDED

• Strong written and oral 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.

ADVICE

“BE OPEN MINDED TO MANY DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES. WELL ROUNDED INDIVIDUALS WITH DIFFERENT SKILL SETS CAN FIND A PLACE IN NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURE.”

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