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## Position Announcement: **Pennsylvania Agriculture Projects Associate**

### **About the Alliance:**

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay (Alliance) is a regional nonprofit organization whose vision is clean streams and rivers flowing through resilient landscapes, cared for by the people who live, work, and play in the Chesapeake Bay watershed; and whose mission is to bring together communities, companies, and conservationists to improve our lands and waters. The Alliance was founded in 1971 and has offices in Annapolis, MD, Lancaster, PA, Washington, D.C., and Richmond, VA.

### **Job Description:**

The Pennsylvania Agriculture Projects Associate is a fast-paced full-time position working under supervision of the Agriculture Projects Manager. The successful candidate will work directly with farmers and a diverse set of project partners on water quality improvement and climate change mitigation practices, community engagement, riparian and upland reforestation efforts, and more. The Associate will also provide strategic support for the Alliance's broader Agriculture Program efforts. Substantial outreach to farmers and fieldwork (approximately 30%) is necessary, and, thus, field-saviness is integral to this position.

### **Specific Duties of the Position:**

- Support the planning and implementation of agriculture best management practices, primarily focused in south central, south east Pennsylvania
  - Conduct farmer outreach within current Alliance-corporate partnership frameworks.
  - Provide direct on-site farm support as needed, approximately 30% of the work week.
  - Build and maintain relationships with farmers, partner organizations, technical service providers, contractors, and federal and state agencies. Facilitate meetings as appropriate.
  - Manage communications between various parties involved in project execution.
  - Assist in contracting development with different providers as delegated, ensure that timely payments, invoices, reimbursements, reporting on associated projects is maintained.
- Support the Alliance's overall Agriculture Program strategic efforts
  - Assist on grant applications to secure funding that enable the Alliance to meet its Strategic Goals through the Agriculture Program. Includes collaborating on multiple, varied, successful grant proposals.
  - Participate in Alliance strategic planning efforts, internal committee, and problem-solving oriented teams as assigned.
  - Contribute to the Alliance's various Agriculture Program team efforts.
  - Support external facing communications efforts to engage the Alliance's diverse audiences.
- Provide event support, meeting coordination, and other administrative assistance as appropriate.
- Provide assistance in office/facilities management, as needed.

### **Minimum Qualifications & Experience:**

- Bachelor's degree in agricultural science, natural resources management, biology, environmental science, or other relevant field. Candidates with alternative education, but with extensive relevant professional experience, will also be considered.

- 1+ years relevant professional experience (which may include internships) related to the tasks of this position.
- Experience engaging with farmers.
- Basic understanding of agricultural best management practices.
- Strong communications skills, internally as part of a team and also with external audiences.
- Great time management skills, including the ability to effectively prioritize tasks.
- Problem-solver, objective decision maker.

The Alliance aspires to be an inclusive multicultural organization that celebrates the rich dimensions of diversity such as race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, physical abilities, religious and political beliefs. We are committed to ensuring diversity and inclusion remain integral to our organizational structure, policies, board of directors, staff, strategic goals, grants, partnerships and program delivery. The Alliance believes a broad base of participation and partners reflecting all of society is needed to be successful in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed restoration effort. Visit [www.allianceforthebay.org/DEI](http://www.allianceforthebay.org/DEI) to learn more.

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay offers a family friendly, flexible work environment. We are committed to building a diverse team and strongly encourage candidates from all backgrounds to apply. If you meet at least 75% of the qualifications of this description, we encourage you to submit an application.

**Supervision:** The Agriculture Projects Associate reports directly to the Agriculture Projects Manager

**Hours and Location:** The Agriculture Projects Associate is based at the Alliance's Lancaster, Pennsylvania Office with some ability to work from home. This position requires site visits approximately 30% of the time, primarily across south central PA but occasionally to other parts of the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Some night and weekend work is required. The position is full-time (40 hours per week). Primarily remote-based candidates may be considered.

**Salary & Benefits:** \$45,000 - \$50,000, commensurate with experience. Competitive benefits include: health, dental, and vision insurance, 403b retirement fund, life insurance, professional development opportunities, vacation, sick, and holiday and other leave, and more.

**Application:** The information listed below should be emailed to [Careers@allianceforthebay.org](mailto:Careers@allianceforthebay.org) no later than **July 16, 2023**. Indicate "Pennsylvania Agriculture Projects Associate" in the email subject line. No telephone inquiries please.

- Your resume
- A written response to the following prompts:
  1. Please, describe your experience working with farmers and landowners.
  2. Please, describe your experience pertaining to agricultural best management practices planning and/or installation.
- A list of 3 professional references.