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Position: *Green Infrastructure and Forestry Urban Interface Associate*

Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources
College of Natural Resources, North Carolina State University

This position is one of five specialist positions funded by a USDA Forest Service grant to the College of Natural Resources at NC State University, "Enhancing the Management and Utilization of North Carolina's Rural Natural Resources to Promote Economic and Community Development: *Creating Jobs for North Carolinians Through Better Natural Resources Utilization.*"

Description of Duties: The *Green Infrastructure and Forestry Urban Interface Associate* will work on issues related to land conservation and open space strategies and programs, urban policies and ordinances, Forest Stewardship planning and management, municipal forestry ordinances, land-use planning and urban-rural interface forest/wildlife management and timber harvesting needs. A special focus on the education of the media, the urban public, policy makers and absentee forest landowners is essential. Innovative strategies, such as covenants, conservation easements, and emerging programs of forest legacy offer NIPF landowners the opportunity to retain ownership in working, economic forests, and these will be promoted. This person will work in the public sector helping developed and emerging suburban and urban community leaders and members to best manage plan for the development of natural resources. This effort will require substantial networking with community leaders to assess needs and level of awareness of existing public policy initiatives and programs, and to distinguish and properly address technical from policy needs. This person will have training and experience in conservation and forestry generally, with specific education and/or experience in areas such as public administration, land use planning, conservation easements, forest stewardship planning and urban development. Programs will be coordinated with and through partnerships with the NC Cooperative Extension Service (specialists and county faculty), NC Division of Forest Resources, Natural Resources Conservation Service, NC Wildlife Resources Commission, Farm Service Agency and other agencies as appropriate, as well as local land trusts and other non-governmental conservation organizations.

Location: The position will be available to work statewide, but will primarily work in the Piedmont and Western Coastal Plain areas of NC. Physical office location will be central Piedmont.

Education and Experience: BS plus 10 years or Masters or higher degree with 5 years of relevant experience is required. At least one degree must be in forestry. Experience must be related to land conservation/retention techniques and strategies and Forest Stewardship Planning/Management. Experience in public and municipal policy is highly desirable. A history of interaction/networking with agencies and non-governmental organizations and extension/outreach experience is highly desirable.

Duration and Salary: The position is for the term of one year and can be extended for a total of three years based upon job performance and continued funding. Competitive salary commensurate with education and experience and NCSU benefits package are included.

Application: Send letter of application, resume, and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three references to:

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