

Job Title:	Natural Resource Specialist	Posting Expires:	Open Until Filled
Location:	Rensselaer, IN	Position Type:	Full-Time
Contact:	Lana Zimmer, SWCD Board Chair	Date Posted:	June 2, 2026
Email and Mail Submission: Include application, cover letter, and resume.			
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Job Description			
<p>Under the guidance of the Jasper County SWCD Board of Supervisors and the Jasper County Commissioners, the Natural Resource Specialist is responsible for providing technical leadership in the planning and implementation of countywide conservation projects that promote the adoption of practices and systems designed to improve soil, water, and environmental health in agricultural, rural, and urban landscapes.</p> <p>The Natural Resource Specialist serves as a technical resource in a broad range of natural resource management areas, with specialized knowledge of agricultural conservation practices and their application to soil, water, and related resource concerns. The position is responsible for researching, developing, analyzing, and communicating technical information to support the identification of local natural resource issues and the implementation of practical, science-based conservation solutions.</p> <p>Key responsibilities include providing technical assistance and guidance to agricultural producers, landowners, and the general public; supporting the planning and delivery of District outreach, education, and conservation programs; and fostering strong working relationships within the agricultural community. The Natural Resource Specialist also collaborates with conservation partner organizations and serves in a technical advisory role to public officials, county government, and other stakeholders on matters related to natural resource conservation and sustainable land management.</p>			
QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's or Associate's Degree in a natural resources field (e.g. agronomy, biology, forestry, environmental science or resource management). Relevant field experience required. • Strong oral/written communication skills. • Expertise in water and soil health principles, invasive species management, and related natural resources, with experience working in the agriculture sector. • Strong facilitation, leadership, and teamwork skills. • Motivated self-starter with ability to work independently with minimal supervision. • Proficiency in technical data collection, analysis, and communication. • Ability to track multiple projects, meetings, and schedules. • Valid driver's license and willingness to travel. • Experience in grant writing, documentation, and reporting preferred. • Knowledge and experience with Arc-GIS. • Knowledge of federal, state, and local conservation agencies and programs. 			
ADDITIONAL NOTES			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports to the SWCD Board of Supervisors per the District Operations Manual, Indiana Code 14-32. • A federal background check will be required by USDA. • Full time position as a county employee with full benefits. Additional salary may be subsidized with grant funding depending upon qualifications and job performance. 			
Reviewed By:	Lana Zimmer	Date:	5/24/2026
Approved By:	JCSWCD Board of Supervisors	Date:	5/28/2026
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