

Title: Watershed Planning and Stream Assessment Educator (full-time)

Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County

Deadline for Applications – May 14, or until filled

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County (CCE) has an opening for a Watershed Planning and Stream Assessment Educator to work with the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program in Shandaken, NY. The Ashokan Watershed is one of the sources of drinking water for New York City in the Catskill Mountains. The project office is located in Shandaken, NY – approximately 30 miles west of Kingston. The project office is shared with staff from Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District (UC SWCD) and New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYC DEP). CCE Ulster County's staff provide program coordination, education, outreach, and training programs for the Watershed Program. The program is funded by a contract from NYC DEP.

Under the direction of the CCE Ashokan Watershed Program Coordinator, the Educator will be responsible for the following tasks (a) taking stream assessment data from the field and incorporating it into stream management plans (b) Incorporating stream management plans and other information, into a comprehensive Watershed Management Plan for the Ashokan Watershed, (c) developing fact sheets, webpages, and other materials to disseminate information on best management practices in the watershed, (d) developing training and education programs for municipal employees, contractors, and landowners, and (e) assisting Ashokan Watershed Program staff from CCE, Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District, and New York City DEP with stream assessments.

Skills Needed:

- Excellent technical writing skills with experience in developing reports and recommendations for a variety of audiences that are based on research.
- Significant experience using GIS software (ESRI ARC GIS 9 is preferred),
- Knowledge of watershed management issues and practices and policies, with an emphasis on streams, floodplains, and riparian zones.
- Able to communicate effectively to a wide range of stakeholders
- Experience in collecting field data and in using GPS. Knowledge of geology, soils, plants or fluvial processes would be helpful. Must be willing and physically able to assist with field data collection in Catskill Mountain streams.

Knowledge of html and website design/management would be helpful.

Salary in 40's (depending on qualifications). CCE provides a generous benefits package including health insurance and participation in the NYS Retirement Program. CCE provides equal employment opportunities.

Please submit a cover letter outlining your experience and interest in the position, a resume and a CCE Application for Employment (available at www.ashokanstreams.org/employment.html) to:

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For more information about the program or Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County please see the following websites:

www.catskillstreams.org – Main website for the West of Hudson NYC DEP Watershed Program

www.ashokanstreams.org – Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program website

www.cceulster.org – Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County website