



Outreach Notice

Eastern Region, State & Private Forestry

Forest Legacy Program Manager

GS-0401-13

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Reply Due: April 30, 2019

The U.S. Forest Service Eastern Region, State & Private Forestry will soon be advertising for a full time permanent **Forest Legacy Program Manager** located in the Eastern Region's headquarters office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Anyone interested in applying for this position is strongly encouraged to reply to this Outreach in the [online database](#) or by emailing the attached form. There will be a separate process to apply for the position.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

One of several programs in the State and Private Forestry branch of the U.S. Forest Service, Forest Legacy is a cooperative program with state forestry agencies and other organizations. The Forest Legacy Program provides technical support and financial assistance to states so they can protect at risk high value forest lands from conversion to non-forest uses.

ABOUT THE REGION

The U.S. Forest Service's Eastern Region encompasses 20 states in the Northeast and Midwest as well as the District of Columbia. It is the largest Region in the U.S. Forest Service in number of states and includes great diversity, from large, densely-populated areas to small and mid-sized communities in farmland and forest fringes.

ABOUT THE POSITION

This position is located in the Eastern Region, Cooperative Forestry Program in the Regional Office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The incumbent serves as the Program Leader for the Forest Legacy Program. The program is operated under the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978, as amended. Activities include providing leadership and assistance in the development and implementation of State Forest Legacy Programs in the twenty states served by the Eastern Region, State & Private Forestry Unit.

Major Duties

Incumbent is the recognized expert in coordinating and implementing all aspects of the Forest Legacy program, as well as other forest land or interests in land acquisition programs for the Eastern Region, State & Private Forestry Unit, which spans twenty states. Provides advice and assistance in the development and implementation of State Forest Legacy and other land or interest in land acquisition programs to parties such as State Foresters and their staff, State Stewardship Committees, land trusts, and other groups. Using expert knowledge of natural resources management and forest management, interprets federal laws and State programs to develop program policies, reviews State prepared documentation prior to submittal to the Department of Agriculture for approval.

Evaluates program and project applications for compliance, efficiency, and technical proficiency, provides recommendations for application revision and improvement and Program changes, and participates in revising Forest Service Guidelines to correct deficiencies.

Fosters and maintains relationships with governmental and non-governmental organizations in order to achieve Eastern Region, State & Private Forestry program goals and provide information on Eastern Region State & Private Forestry programs that are related to the Forestry Legacy program.

Conducts state-by-state technical reviews of strategies and annual report documents; and negotiates on actions to enhance program delivery. Ensures partners are aware of all relevant federal regulations and requirements and monitors compliance. Prepares program status reports which display information relating to overall program or individual tract goals and guidelines, ensuring accuracy through careful analysis of information collected in reviews, and provides in either report or brief format to the Area Director when requested. Prepares reports for inclusion in nationwide program accomplishment reports for records and to inform interested publics.

LOCATION



The Eastern Region Headquarters is located in the renovated, historic Gaslight Building in vibrant downtown Milwaukee, just two blocks from the Lake Michigan waterfront.

The metropolitan Milwaukee area, Wisconsin's largest population center, is 90 miles north of Chicago. It encompasses four counties and has a combined population of 1.4 million people, ranking as the nation's 36th largest metropolitan area. The city of Milwaukee ranks as the 17th largest U.S. city with a population of 620,609.

The Milwaukee area offers a high quality of life. It is big enough to have many urban amenities, yet has a small-town feeling in well-established and diverse neighborhoods. The area has good schools, many performing arts opportunities, major league sports, and ever-increasing public transportation options. The downtown area has undergone a recent boom in revitalization, with a RiverWalk and many new restaurants, pubs, shops, and a public market.

In addition to Lake Michigan and its waterfront open space, trails, and views, Milwaukee has several other natural features that add to its beauty and recreational opportunities. These include a 14,759 acre county park system and restored rivers with trails both in the downtown and throughout the metropolitan area. Milwaukee is on the doorstep of many inland lakes, streams, and forests where hiking, skiing, biking, paddling, swimming, hunting, and fishing can keep residents active year-round. Sailing, charter boating, indoor and outdoor ice skating, and golfing are among the many other recreation opportunities.

Milwaukee is nationally recognized as the "City of Festivals" and for the "Great Circus Parade." Festivals start in June with Summerfest (the world's largest music festival) and continue through the summer with different ethnic groups hosting weekend festivities at a beautiful lakefront venue. Milwaukee has a renowned public museum, excellent library facilities, botanical gardens, and a zoo. For the art enthusiast, the city boasts a world-class symphony orchestra, theater, opera and ballet companies, and an outstanding art museum. For the sports fan, this is a major league sports center. It is the home of baseball's Milwaukee Brewers, basketball's Milwaukee Bucks, hockey's Milwaukee Admirals, and soccer's Milwaukee Wave.

Milwaukee has four seasons with the following average temperature ranges: 12-39°F during winter, 36-75°F during spring, 54-81°F during summer, and 18-59°F during fall. The average annual precipitation is 31 inches, and average annual snowfall is 47 inches.

Milwaukee is an urban center, yet travel is fairly uncongested. Public transportation is offered throughout the metro, via bus and a new street car system. General Mitchell International Airport is conveniently located near the Regional Office in Milwaukee.

The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Marquette University as well as ten other colleges and universities offer excellent post-secondary education opportunities.

QUESTIONS

Please contact Mark Buccowich, Assistant Director, Forest Management at 484-844-0915 or mbuccowich@fs.fed.us if you have any questions regarding this position.

HOW TO RESPOND

Please respond directly in the outreach database or complete and email the attached response sheet to Mark Buccowich at mbuccowich@fs.fed.us.

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Milwaukee, WI

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Name: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Are you currently a Federal Employee? ___ Yes ___ No

If YES:

Agency Employed With: ___ USFS ___ BLM ___ OTHER: _____

Type of Appointment: ___ PERMANENT ___ TEMPORARY ___ TERM

___ VRA ___ PWD ___ OTHER

Current Region/Forest/District, if applicable: _____

Current Series and Grade, if applicable: _____

Current Position Title: _____

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- ___ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
- ___ Former Peace Corps Volunteer
- ___ Veterans Recruitment Act
- ___ Pathways Students and Recent Graduates
- ___ Other: _____

Brief Statement of Interest in this Position: _____

Where did you hear about this vacancy/outreach? _____