

**\*All Applications are accepted in the Human Resources Department, 205 Hanchey Road, Wauchula, FL 33873, Phone:(863) 773-2161. Position is open until filled.**

**JOB OPENING**  
**CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN**

***Grade 20: \$29,563.91 (\$14.21/hr.) - \$40,754.18 (\$19.59/hr.)***

**DEPARTMENT:** HARDEE COUNTY SOIL & CONSERVATION

**DIVISION:** PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

This is a Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) technical and professional team-oriented position under direction of the supervisor in the Office of Agricultural Water Policy's (OAWP) in partnership with the Hardee County Soil and Water Conservation District (HSWCD). The position will be assisting with the coordination and implementation of FDACS-adopted best management practices (BMPs) and assisting with agricultural related projects with the HSWCD. The primary office of the technician will be in Hardee County. The primary area of the technician will be Hardee County, but will travel to neighboring counties such as Desoto, Manatee, Polk, and Highlands County. This position will involve travel to agricultural operations, meetings, and will include a vehicle. These are the primary responsibilities of the technician position.

**ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:**

1. Conducting evaluations for the OAWP's Implementation Verification to assure implementation of FDACS-adopted BMPs.
2. Coordinating with partner agencies, follow-up visits with agricultural operations, generating maps, data collection and analysis, and cross-checking parcel identification information.
3. Assisting the OAWP team with implementation of BMPs and enrollment into the FDACS-adopted BMP Program by conducting on-site field evaluations of agricultural operations using BMP manuals, checklists, and other tools to assist producers in enrolling by filing with the FDACS a Notice of Intent (NOI) to Implement BMPs.
4. Assisting HSWCD and OAWP with administration, implementation, and verification of the BMP cost-share program, such as the review of cost-share projects, invoices and deliverables documentation.
5. Assisting in education, outreach, and implementation of the FDACS' responsibilities under the Florida Watershed Restoration Act/Total Maximum Daily Loads Program through producer enrollment in the FDACS-adopted BMP Programs.
6. Assists in delivery of information to and input from the HSWCD, Extension Service, and the local agricultural community on non-regulatory strategies, cost-share and other incentives, technical assistance needs, and research and demonstration needs. These include assisting the FDACS and the HSWCD by helping plan, and participate in meetings, workshops, field days, and distribution of printed and electronic materials.

(These essential job functions are not to be construed as a complete statement of all duties performed. Employees will be required to perform other job related marginal duties as required.)

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Although resumes are accepted an application form must be completed and sent to:

**Hardee Soil and Water Conservation District  
316 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Wauchula, FL 33873**

Phone: (863) 773-9644

Print application from: [www.hardeecounty.net](http://www.hardeecounty.net)

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS:**

Applicant will be required to perform clerical and field work.

(Reasonable accommodations will be made in accordance with existing ADA requirements for otherwise qualified individuals with a disability.)

**\*\* A pre-employment federal background check will be performed.**