



Title: Aucilla River Watershed Coalition Coordinator

Supervisor: Conservation Coordinator, Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy

Location: Tall Timbers • Tallahassee, Florida / Aucilla Research Institute • Monticello, FL

Job Classification: Full-time with benefits, 2-year position.

Introduction

The Aucilla River Watershed Coalition is a collaborative effort among Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy, Aucilla Research Institute, Aucilla-Wacissa River Group, public agencies, and community leaders working together to conserve the many natural, cultural, and water resources within the watershed. The emerging coalition is focused on expanding permanent land conservation and cultural resource protection beyond existing conservation successes of previous public and private efforts. Collectively, 125,000 acres within the watershed are permanently conserved with over 70% of the Aucilla River and more than 90% of the Wacissa River shoreline permanently protected. The Coalition is seeking a person to strengthen the coalition, oversee the development of strategic goals and a data driven land conservation prioritization tool, engage landowners about land conservation in the watershed, and pursue outside funding to support land conservation and cultural resource protection efforts.

Tall Timbers is widely regarded for its scientific research and outreach in the areas of fire ecology, game bird management, vertebrate ecology and regional land conservation. The Land Conservancy, a division within Tall Timbers, was established in 1990 to ensure the sustainability and conservation of natural and cultural resources and rural land use traditions of the Red Hills region and in other strategic focus areas that promote Tall Timbers' mission of fostering exemplary land stewardship through research, conservation, and education. Tall Timbers is an accredited land trust that implements the Land Trust Alliance's Standards and Practices. Working with private landowners on conservation easements, Tall Timbers has conserved over 136,000 acres in south Georgia and north Florida, much of it within the Aucilla River Watershed. The goal of the Aucilla River Watershed Coalition is to conserve enough of the Aucilla River watershed to ensure long-term stability of its ecological resources and to protect its cultural resources for the enjoyment of its many residents. To help achieve the goal, Tall Timbers is serving as the lead support organization for the Aucilla River Watershed Coalition.

For more information about Tall Timbers: www.talltimbers.org

For more information about the many resources within the Aucilla River watershed, visit: <https://talltimbers.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/AucillaRiver.pdf>

Position Responsibilities:

1. Coordinate the development and strengthening of the Aucilla River Watershed Coalition
2. Work closely with the Aucilla Research Institute, Aucilla-Wacissa River Group, public agencies, and community leaders to develop a coalition-based list of strategic goals to guide future actions.
3. Support a team of professionals in the development of a spatially-explicit, data-driven land conservation prioritization tool used to guide future land conservation transactions.
4. Engage landowners and real estate professionals about possible land conservation transactions.
5. Develop and submit grant applications to governmental programs, foundations and other funding sources for land conservation and cultural resource protection within the watershed.
6. Work with funding entities to complete land conservation projects.
7. Coordinate and work on conservation easement projects within the Aucilla watershed.
8. Work with Tall Timbers Outreach Coordinator to organize community events for the awareness of the Aucilla River Watershed.
9. Assist in the day-to-day management of the Land Conservancy, including performing necessary administrative tasks.
10. Assist in the overall work of the Land Conservancy and Tall Timbers as appropriate and as requested by the Conservation Coordinator or Director.

Qualifications and Experience

1. Minimum education requirement: Bachelor's Degree in regional planning, natural resources, or real estate, with at least 2 years of professional experience. A graduate degree can be substituted for 2 years of the professional experience.
2. Strong interpersonal and diplomatic skills with the ability to listen effectively and tactfully present information to and communicate with coalition members, public agencies, funding organizations, landowners, and other interested parties.
3. Good writing skills with the ability to effectively develop grant applications, quarterly reports, public articles, social media posts, and other writings as assigned.
4. Familiarity with land conservation transactions, conservation easements, and real estate fundamentals.
5. Proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite, ArcGIS, and Adobe Acrobat
6. Previous experience with GIS and spatial analyses is preferred.
7. An active outdoors person with an interest in canoeing/kayaking and public use of the watershed.
8. The ability to work independently with excellent time management skills and able to manage multiple ongoing activities.
9. Must have a philosophical agreement with consumptive and sustainable uses of natural resources.
10. Good physical condition, including the ability to work in varying outdoor conditions as required to carry out duties. Must not be deterred by heat, ticks, bugs, or snakes.
11. Preference for an understanding of Southeastern ecosystems, flora, and fauna.
12. A passion and desire to conserve the Aucilla River Watershed and be a part of the community.

Salary and Benefits

- Salary range: \$45,000 – \$50,000, depending on experience.
- Benefits include health and dental insurance, paid vacation and sick leave

- Project supported for 2 years. There is a potential for an extension depending on future funding.

Application

1. Cover letter including 1) your interest in the position, 2) your opinion on why you are qualified for the job, and 3) additional details on your experience that is not revealed in your resume.
2. Resume or CV
3. Contact information for 3 or more professional references
4. A writing sample addressing a topic related to the position

Email all documents as PDF files to swell@talltimbers.org

Position Inquires:

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Deadline:

Application deadline: October 1, 2019. Applications will be reviewed upon receipt, so a prompt submission is recommended. Desired start date: December 2019.

