

# Green Lands Blue Waters



University of Minnesota

Job Title: Watershed Initiative Coordinator

Job ID: 302252

Location: Twin Cities; St. Paul Campus

Full/Part Time: Full-Time

Regular/Temporary: Regular

## Summary of Responsibilities:

The Watershed Initiative Coordinator will support the Green Lands Blue Waters (GLBW) Watershed Initiative (WIN) and other GLBW projects. WIN is a collaboration among watershed-based programs and supporting organizations in the Upper Midwest that work to increase the rate and area of Continuous Living Cover (CLC) farming in specific watersheds to achieve environmental, economic, and social objectives. The Coordinator will provide administrative and technical support and leadership necessary for WIN participants to achieve collective impacts. S/he will coordinate work on WIN shared metrics; assist with developing the Kernza™ (Intermediate Wheatgrass) value chain from farm gate to local food networks; and help to organize and host conferences and meetings. The Coordinator will write content for Web pages and other outreach materials and assist with writing grants. Travel in the Midwest and nationally will be required. More information about GLBW can be found at [www.greenlandsbluewaters.org](http://www.greenlandsbluewaters.org).

## Essential functions:

1. Provide administrative and technical support to the GLBW Watershed Initiative. The Coordinator will work closely with the WIN leadership and participants to help implement the WIN work plan. S/he will organize and provide administrative support to WIN monthly video conferences, in-person meetings, and WIN sessions at GLBW conferences; document WIN metrics, aggregate supporting data, and provide analysis of WIN collective progress and results; support implementation of a shared WIN narrative by writing case studies and web content; and assist WIN participants to increase funding for collective work.
2. Strengthen linkages between WIN participants and Midwest groups that are working on CLC cropping systems (perennial forage, biomass, and grains; agroforestry; and winter

annual cover crops) to increase diversification of CLC practices and related research in watershed-based programs.

3. Participate in the Midwest Kernza™ Working Group that includes plant breeders, agronomists, farmers, grain processors, distributors, food scientists, and end users. Write Extension documents and case studies that document Kernza™ production methods, processing, and business development in local food networks.
4. Participate on a team that will analyze how government funding is used to support continuous living cover farming. S/he will prepare an analysis and report on agency funding for CLC farming in specific watersheds.
5. Other duties: Write proposals for GLBW funding and assist with writing reports to donors. Write content for the GLBW web site and other outreach materials. Prepare and make presentations at meetings and conferences. Maintain GLBW digital and manual files.

#### Preferred Requirements:

- Master's degree in agronomy, biology, ecology, natural resource management or related field.
- Five years of job experience supporting farming, natural resources management, rural land use planning, watershed management, local food systems, or related programs.
- Consideration will be given to a combination of equivalent coursework and experience.
- Knowledge and familiarity with sustainable agriculture and food systems and their related ecology, practices, and policies in the U.S. Midwest.
- Excellent written and oral communications.
- Excellent interpersonal and consensus-building skills.
- Must be willing to work with interdisciplinary teams.
- Must be able and willing to travel in the Midwest and nationally.

This position is a 100% time, annual renewable academic administrative professional appointment. The position is funded for 12 months with continuation dependent on funding, performance and results. For further information, contact Richard Warner, GLBW Director, [rhwarner@umn.edu](mailto:rhwarner@umn.edu).

#### About the Department

The Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture is located within the Department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics, College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences, University of Minnesota

#### How To Apply

Applicants should apply on line through the University of Minnesota Human Resources website. Include a resume, cover letter and brief statement of experience and names, addresses and phone numbers and e-mail addresses of three references.

#### Diversity

As an institution committed to demonstrating excellence through diversity, the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences is committed to hiring a diverse faculty and staff, and actively encourages candidates from historically underrepresented groups to apply.

#### Background Check Information

Any offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of a background check. Our presumption is that prospective employees are eligible to work here. Criminal convictions do not automatically disqualify finalists from employment.

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