

**MSU EXTENSION
COMMUNITY, FOOD, AND
ENVIRONMENT INSTITUTE****Position Information****Position Title**

Conservation Associate

Salary

\$56,100 or commensurate with education and experience

Benefits

Comprehensive benefits package:
<https://www.hr.msu.edu/benefits/index.html>

Location

Downtown Lansing, Ingham County

To Apply**Current MSU Employees:**

Access the EBS portal. Under the My Career and Training section, select the Careers @ MSU tile to view Internal Job Postings.

External Applicants:

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Posting Number:

915897

Application Deadline:

1/8/2024

Contact for Questions

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Conservation Associate - Botanist**Position Overview**

Assist with an array of projects requiring expertise in plant and natural community identification, ecosystem valuation, and interpretation of ecological relationships in plant communities, while applying for external funding and serving as principal investigator on MNFI projects.

As part of MSU Extension (MSUE), the Community, Food and Environment Institute (CFEI) and the Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI), this position will collect, analyze, and communicate information about Michigan's rare and declining plant species and natural communities, help maintain Michigan's Natural Heritage Database, and work cooperatively with other MNFI personnel, public and private agencies, organizations, and individuals to inform and guide decisions that impact biodiversity conservation.

The mission of the Michigan Natural Features Inventory is to guide the conservation of Michigan's biodiversity by providing the highest quality scientific expertise and information. MNFI's vision is to be the authoritative source of information on biodiversity that is widely used to conserve Michigan's unique natural heritage for current and future generations.

The proportion of time devoted to primary tasks will vary annually according to project requirements and individual interests but will generally consist of substantial field data collection during the growing season (40-60% of year), data management and analysis (15-25% of year), scientific writing (15-25% of year), and outreach/education activities (5-15% of year).

This position will have statewide responsibilities and will be housed at the MNFI office in Lansing, Michigan.

This position may be eligible to utilize a flexible work environment. The needs, responsibilities, and opportunities of an individual's position and office location drive the ability and amount of work-location flexibility.

Qualifications**Minimum Qualifications** (see full description for complete list of requirements)

- Master's degree in a field of study related to plant biology, ecology, forestry, or closely related field must be earned by date of hire.

Application Process

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