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I have been Assistant State Conservationist for Programs in Pennsylvania with USDA-NRCS since August 2019. Primary duties include management and oversight of NRCS conservation programs including Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Conservation Stewardship Program that provide funding to help farmers and landowners plan and implement conservation practices, also managing NRCS technical assistance to landowners participating in the Conservation Reserve Program and Conservation Reserve Enhancement program. Associated with these duties is considerable time working with subject matter experts to collect and analysis natural resource information, information on conservation practice costs, adoption by farmers, new and emerging technology, and practice maintenance issues.

Immediately prior to this position, from July 2016 to August 2019, I was on the NRCS national Conservation Initiatives team. Duties included serving as Chesapeake Bay Coordinator for NRCS: representing NRCS at various meetings and activities associated with Chesapeake Bay Program and Chesapeake Bay watershed restoration activities and coordinating activities and information between NRCS offices in the six bay states. Other assignments included coordinating other NRCS national initiatives including Ogallala Aquifer, Driftless Area, Red River Basin; and NRCS partnership projects with other federal agencies including water conservation initiatives with the Bureau of Reclamation and Sentinel Landscapes with Dept of Defense and Dept of Interior.

From August 2004 to July 2016 I was Assistant State Conservationist for Programs with NRCS in Pennsylvania, with duties and activities similar to my current position, and including support of NRCS easement programs.

I have a Bachelor of Science degree from Pennsylvania State University and live in Cumberland County, PA.

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