Job Summary:
The Water Quality Specialist works under the direction of the Watershed Program Director to assist in water quality monitoring, conduct maintenance of watershed treatment equipment, develop and advance remediation projects resulting from abandoned mine lands and non-point source pollution, and engage the public through community events and water quality education.

Core functions
- Work with Watershed program team to complete chemical and biological monitoring of stream sites throughout Appalachian Ohio;
- Assist program staff and the Environmental Education team in the implementation of Watershed Summer Camps for local youth;
- Assist in maintenance (both regularly scheduled and unexpected) of two limestone dosers and four limestone leach beds monitored by Rural Action;
- Coordinate the selection and onboarding of Watershed Program AmeriCorps members, including marketing the positions, recruiting applicants, reviewing applications, coordinating and conducting interviews, and working with program staff to select members;
- Participate in regional and statewide partnerships surrounding watershed restoration, including the Appalachian Ohio Watershed Council, Ohio Mineland Partnership, and the Ohio River Basin Alliance;
- Assist Watershed team to identify and secure resources for the continuation of Rural Action’s watershed program;
- Represent Rural Action at events and give presentations on Rural Action and the watershed program as requested;
- Maintain social media presence and promote watershed events;
- Coordinate with Middle Tuscarawas Office around watershed work and education initiatives in that region, as well as the True Pigments team;
- Other duties as assigned.
**Expected 2020 Projects**

- Work with Watershed Program Director and other Rural Action staff members (including members of the Environmental Education and Sustainable Energy Solutions teams) to lead Rural Action’s engagement with the Wayne National Forest on its Forest Plan Revision process and Watershed Management efforts;
- Work with Watershed Program Director to further develop projects focused on reducing sedimentation, including communication with stakeholders, development of presentations, and identification of relevant funding sources;
- Work with Rural Action Middle Tuscarawas Office and Watershed Program to plan and write a funding application to the USDA NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program focused in the Walhonding River Watershed.

**Education, Knowledge, Experience, Skills and Abilities**

- Bachelor’s Degree or equivalent experience in biology, ecology, or chemistry;
- Knowledge of watersheds and streams;
- Self-starter with detail-oriented focus;
- Excellent communication skills;
- Ability and proven experience working in the field in uncomfortable temperatures;
- Ability to lift and carry 40 pounds;
- Integrity, credibility and commitment to Rural Action’s mission;
- Experience with Google suite, Microsoft Word and Excel, database management, email and other computer software systems;
- Ability to work evenings and weekends as needed;
- Valid driver’s license and a reliable vehicle.

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume outlining your experience as it relates to this job description. Send materials to hr@ruralaction.org subject heading: Water Quality Specialist. The position will remain open until a suitable candidate is hired. For consideration, please apply by March 10, 2020.

**NOTE:** The above noted job description is not intended to describe, in detail, the multitude of tasks that may be assigned but rather to give the applicant a general sense of the responsibilities and expectations of his/her position. As the nature of business demands change so, too, may the essential functions of this position. Nothing in this job description restricts management’s right to assign or reassign duties and responsibilities to this job at any time.

**Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity**

Rural Action is committed to the principles of equal employment opportunity and is committed to making employment decisions based on merit. We are committed to complying with any and all pertinent Federal, State and local laws providing equal employment opportunities, as well as all laws related to terms and conditions of employment.