**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**
Indiana DNR Nature Preserves-REGIONAL ECOLOGIST

**DESCRIPTION**

Job Title Ecologist 2 - East Central Region - Division of Nature Preserves
Job ID Number 613600
Full-Time
OFFICE LOCATION Limberlost State Historic Site, Geneva, Indiana.
CLOSES: 3-1-2018
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**A LITTLE ABOUT US**

The Division of Nature Preserves is a division with the Department of Natural Resources charged with the protection and management of Indiana’s highest quality natural areas. Staff are primarily conservation scientists with an emphasis on applied management of native habitats and the wildlife and plants dependent upon them. There are over 284 dedicated nature preserves encompassing over 52,000 acres.

Working across the State of Indiana, we use a collaborative approach that engages local communities, governments, the private sector, and other partners. To learn more, visit http://www.in.gov/dnr/naturepreserve/

The Division of Nature Preserves offers competitive compensation, excellent benefits, flexible work policies and a collaborative work environment. We also provide professional development opportunities and promote from within. As a result, you will find a culture that supports and inspires conservation achievement and personal development, both within the workplace and beyond.

**Job Description:** The position is based out of Limberlost Field Office in Geneva, Indiana. The Division of Nature Preserves is seeking a qualified and dynamic individual for the position of Ecologist, East Central Indiana. This position requires the skills and passion for conservation science and public lands management. The position of Ecologist, East Central, oversees all Division of Nature Preserves’ duties and responsibilities across an 11 county service area. This includes coordinating property management, land and rare species protection, site monitoring, wildland fire, habitat restoration, contract management, visitor services for 32 dedicated nature preserves totaling over 2,500 acres. The position manages and administers the East Central Field Office, including supervising a staff of 3 DNR land stewards, and the Loblolly Maintenance Facility in Geneva, Indiana. A large and important responsibility is the Limberlost Conservation Area, an expansive cooperative State-Federal-Private initiative of the DNR, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and the Friends of the Limberlost. The position implements large habitat management grant funds that provide wetland habitat for the Monarch Butterfly, migratory species, and many other plants and animals.

The position is a critical manager of public lands for the State of Indiana providing clean water, rare habitats and wildlife, and recreation experiences that are all important to quality of life for Indiana citizens and economy. Many of the preserves are owned by partners including: land trusts, universities, and park departments, requiring effective collaboration. This is a Full-time Position, working 37.5 hours a week.