

**Community Sustainability
Extension Agent I or II
Application deadline: 11/13/09**

**Marion County
(Central Extension District)
Ocala, Florida**

**Position # 0001-4043
Requisition # 0802554**

Duties and Responsibilities: The Community Sustainability Agent is a 12-month, permanent status accruing position with the Marion County Extension Service and the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, (UF/IFAS) and will be 100% Extension. The successful candidate will: 1) develop and implement educational programs that address community sustainability in Marion County including but not limited to water conservation, protection of water resources, green building practices, alternative energy options; 2) partner with a variety of public and private organizations involved in sustainability work (i.e. energy, water, planning, etc.) to help promote the creation of healthy, resource efficient communities and 3) work with other governments, associations and businesses in the county and region in developing an integrated approach to sustainable development. The incumbent will be expected to develop creative works for education of the general public, contractors and policy makers; present educational workshops in the subject matter area; market the educational program; network with agencies, particularly city and county policymakers and regulators, to accomplish work goals; acquire grants; assist with or lead cooperative and interdisciplinary projects and may be called upon to provide input for policy development. The candidate will create an advisory committee to assist in developing program direction and will be expected to attain permanent status and promotion per state faculty guidelines. The faculty member will assume other responsibilities as assigned by the County Extension Director and District Extension Director.

Basic Qualifications: A Bachelor's Degree in environmental policy, planning, environmental science/studies, sustainable design, community development, architecture, public policy, or a related field is required; a Master's is preferred. Candidates without a Master's degree would be expected make significant progress towards obtaining this degree within 5 years of appointment. Applicant must show a demonstrated interest in public policy as it relates to community sustainability. All candidates must be able to interact effectively with a wide variety of stakeholders (including private landowners, developers, and individuals in local, regional, state federal and non-governmental organizations) and to create and conduct a public education/outreach program. In addition, the agent must possess good verbal and written communication skills, have qualities of resourcefulness, creativity, enthusiasm and innovativeness, and have good organizational development and management skills. Knowledge and experience with computer technology is essential. Experience working in multicultural settings is desired. Candidates must support the mission of the Land-Grant system and must have a commitment to IFAS core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability. Experience equivalent to working in a public policy setting is highly desirable. In particular, experience working with city/county codes, ordinances and regulations is preferred. Experience working with either US Green Building Council or Florida Green Building Coalition certified green project is desirable.

Other information: Marion County has a population of 330,000 and is experiencing continued development. Noted for the equine industry and the Ocala National Forest, the county is located on the peninsula in north-central Florida. Ocala is 35 miles south of the University of Florida campus. The location offers easy access to Atlantic and Gulf beaches as well as a wide array of recreational activities.

Application instructions:

Apply through the online UF GatorJobs application system (at <https://jobs.ufl.edu>), referencing requisition # 0802554. Although an Extension Agent is classified as a Faculty position, a “TEAMS, OPS ...Cooperative Extension application” is required.

Please attach your Resume or CV, and a cover letter that describes how your experience and qualifications have prepared you for this position.

TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION, PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

You must submit unofficial copies of all transcripts and/or coursework of your professional degrees. You may attach these as an "other" document, or you may submit to our office as directed below. An unofficial copy is acceptable for the application process, but before you can be hired, IFAS Human Resources must have the official transcript for your highest degree on file. Official transcripts must be issued directly to our office.

Also, all applicants must have at least three reference rating forms on file. Reference forms must be less than one year old. If you have not already done so, please contact your references and ask that they complete a reference rating form on your behalf. The form is located at http://personnel.ifas.ufl.edu/ref_form.pdf .

With the exception of official transcripts, all items submitted by mail must be postmarked no later than the next business day of the position closing date. All documents submitted by fax or email must be received no later than the next business day.

Requested forms and transcripts should be submitted as follows:

Faxed to the IFAS Office of Human Resources, Faculty Recruitment and Hiring, Attention Dana LeCuyer at 352-392-3226

OR

Emailed to dlecuyer@ufl.edu

OR

Mailed to:

Dana LeCuyer

UF IFAS Human Resources
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P O Box 110281
Gainesville, FL 32611-0281

Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.