POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT  #0001-3734

Title:  SUSTAINABLE URBAN LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION  
Associate Professor/Director of the Center for Landscape Ecology and Conservation

Location:  ENVIRONMENTAL HORTICULTURE  
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA  
INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES (IFAS)  
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Salary:  COMMENSURATE WITH QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Position Open To:  Formal review of applications will begin on October 13, 2006 and continue until the position is filled.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: This is a 12-month tenure-accruing position that will be 50% Extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service) and 50% Research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and will be located in the Environmental Horticulture Department, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida. Primary research responsibilities would include development of an extramurally-funded research program in the area of sustainable urban landscape conservation which involves an enhanced ecosystem service focus for landscape plant selection, installation and management. Cooperative research with conservation and natural resource faculty is expected, and landscape conservation/restoration for the cultural/natural area interface is an appropriate focus. Extension education programming would involve Best Management Practices for sustainable and environmentally sound urban landscape conservation. The incumbent will provide leadership, training and assistance to county faculty; however, extension responsibilities extend to the educating the greater landscaping and natural resource communities and industries in enhancing ecologic character of cultural landscapes. This extension specialist will be an active leader in the appropriate state program(s) and develop an effective advisory committee to ensure appropriate program focus. The successful applicant’s research and extension programs are expected to contribute to an increasing emphasis on interdisciplinary approaches within the College and with other UF programs focusing on the sustainability of semi-urban and urban environments. This position also serves as Director of the Center for Landscape Ecology and Conservation. This assignment may change in accordance with the needs of the unit. The faculty member will actively participate in graduate education by chairing and serving on graduate committees, supervising thesis and dissertation research, and publishing the results with their graduate students. It is expected that the individual obtain extramural funding for both their research and extension programs.
**BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:** PhD in environmental horticulture, horticulture, botany, ecology, or other related natural resource fields and a record showing success in obtaining *competitive extramural funding* at the national level. Evidence of flexibility in research and extension to serve the University of Florida’s evolving programs, and a demonstration of interest in *the science* underpinning the development and management of sustainable urban landscapes with enhanced ecological function are essential. A successful history of scholarly activities in teaching and extension are required. Program development, leadership experience and evidence of team-related research and extension programs in sustainable landscape restoration and management related to natural resource conservation are preferred. Candidates should have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication, interpersonal relationships, and procurement of extramural funding. Candidates must be supportive of the mission of the Land-Grant system. Candidates must also have a commitment to IFAS core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The University of Florida (UF) is a Land-Grant and Sea Grant institution, encompassing virtually all academic and professional disciplines, with an enrollment of over 48,000 students. UF is a member of The Association of American Universities. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences includes the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, and the College of Veterinary Medicine, and encompasses 15 academic departments and the School of Forest Resources and Conservation, 9 interdisciplinary centers, 13 research and educational centers throughout the state, and Cooperative Extension units in each of Florida’s 67 counties and the Seminole Tribe. The School of Natural Resources and Environment is an interdisciplinary unit housed in IFAS but managed by several colleges on campus. IFAS employs over 3400 people, which includes approximately 950 faculty and 2450 support personnel located in Gainesville and throughout the state. IFAS, one of the nation’s largest agricultural and natural resources research and education organizations, is administered by a Senior Vice President and four deans: the Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the Dean for Extension and Director of the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, the Dean for Research and Director of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, and the Dean for the College of Veterinary Medicine. UF/IFAS also engages in cooperative work with Florida A&M University in Tallahassee.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Interested persons are requested to submit the following items: (1) letter of interest; (2) resume; (3) list of five references with addresses; and 4) outline of research and extension interests. All of the above items must be postmarked by the closing date of *October 13, 2006*. Nomination of candidates is encouraged. *Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.*

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**RETURN INQUIRIES TO:**

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