The Aquatics Agent will be responsible for planning, implementing, and evaluating educational outreach components of U.S. EPA grant X7-96433105-1 in coordination with UF/IFAS Center of Aquatic and Invasive Species. The programs will be based upon the needs of the EPA grant and contribute to maximizing the potential to enhance opportunities to contribute to the solution of social, economic, environmental, and cultural problems. This agent is expected to maintain an active and effective advisory committee and develop Natural Resources programs according to the guidelines set forth by the EPA and approved work plan.

The Aquatics Agent must have good knowledge of community-based programming and educational principles. The successful candidate must demonstrate the ability to work with community agencies, local and federal government in collaborations and partnerships and develop good media relations. The agent will report to the EPA and the University of Florida through approved reporting procedures set by those agencies. The agent will also provide support for the 4-H program in appropriate subject areas. The agent will assume other responsibilities as assigned by the County Extension Director or District Extension Director.

Osceola County is located in Central Florida south of Orlando. It is a very diverse and rapidly growing county with approximately 250,000 residents, of which 44,586 are 4-H age children.

A Bachelor’s degree in Aquatic Plant Management, Limnology, Biology, Plant Science, Natural Resources or a related field, is required. A Master’s degree and experience in aquatic plant management, limnology, biology, public speaking, communications and/or public relations is highly preferred. Candidates without a Master’s degree would be expected to make significant progress toward degree completion within five years. This position is a non-permanent status accruing position. The successful candidate should have a strong commitment to education, be creative and innovative in educational program development and delivery. Job requirements include some evening and weekend work, and will involve travel to state, regional, and national professional improvement programs related to program areas. The successful candidate must pass physical examinations, drug screening and background checks as required by Osceola County government. County residence is preferred, but not required. The agent is expected to be an active member of the community.