



# Hillsborough County Conservation District

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## **Volunteer Project:** Conservation Education Program Coordinator

### **Background/Introduction:**

The District has portable greenhouse models called Gro-Labs in close to 30 classrooms throughout Hillsborough County. In addition to the Gro-Labs, there are about 12 Worm Factory bins (composting models) in classrooms.

**Project responsibilities:** Make contact with current teachers to ensure they are using their model, provide them with additional educational materials, if needed, and schedule a class visit to take pictures of hands-on activities. Collect any unused models and make arrangements to disperse them to teachers on the waiting list. Write and submit press releases to the local media of exciting projects happening in the schools. Develop an environmental education newsletter specifically for teachers, and include the press release information.

**Project requirements:** Upon completion of this project, a current list of teacher participants will be created and updated, all teachers will have educational support packets to assist them with their lesson planning, an educational booklet will be created using pictures from the classroom visits, an environmental education newsletter will be written, printed and mailed, and local newspapers will be able to report on the unique activities local schools are doing with the use of the Gro-Labs and/or Worm Factories.

Anticipated time for project will be discussed with student and advisor.

**Organization Name:** Hillsborough County Conservation District

**Brief description of organization:** The Hillsborough County Conservation District represents soil and water conservation at the local level. Formed in 1946 as a sub-division of the State of New Hampshire, State Statute 430:8, the District is managed by a volunteer Board of Supervisors. The District works with farmers, forest landowners, landowners, schools, and municipalities to promote the use, protection, and conservation of natural resources on both private and public land, both rural and urban. Our conservation programs in Hillsborough County are carried out through public education and the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs).

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