



## MUNICIPAL PLANNING BIOLOGIST

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Salary: \$52,474 – \$69,617 Annually

Location: Augusta, ME

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Job Type: Full-Time

Duration: 1 year

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Opening Date: 6/03/2024

Closing Date: 6/21/2024

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### Introduction

This is a contracted one-year position in partnership with the Wildlife Management Institute (WMI). This position will be classified as a contract biologist of the WMI. The Beginning with Habitat Program Coordinator within Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) will provide direct supervision of day-to-day activities.

**Benefits:** Through WMI you will be eligible for WMI 401(k) retirement plan with match. WMI will provide health, dental and eye insurance, workers' compensation, general liability protection, professional liability protection and unemployment insurance benefits. WMI will withhold taxes including social security.

### Job Description

The Beginning with Habitat Program, within Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, equips Maine communities, landowners, and conservation partners with tools to protect, restore, and connect high-value habitats and ecosystems in a changing climate. A one-year position with Beginning with Habitat is available for a highly qualified individual to support engagement with municipalities in planning for at-risk species and habitats and to support GIS Data and map development and distribution.

This is an exciting opportunity for an individual to join the Beginning with Habitat team in its work assisting Maine communities with conservation planning.

### Duties may include:

- Engagement with communities to incorporate strategies to protect at-risk species and habitats in municipal comprehensive plans.
- Support municipalities and conservation partners in the utilization of data served on the Beginning with Habitat platform.
- Support Beginning with Habitat outreach efforts at conferences, meetings, or other forums.
- Support updates to outreach materials for Focus Areas of Statewide Ecological Significance, which are mapped concentrations of at-risk species and habitats of importance for conservation.
- Providing technical GIS support that may include data development, coding, map production, webmap design, and other tasks in the ArcGIS Pro platform.
- Support for maintenance of the Maine Stream Habitat Viewer and other aquatic connectivity tools.
- General programmatic GIS support.

## Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Municipal or land use planning experience;
- Effective communication skills with diverse audiences, including formal presentation experience;
- Expertise in Geographic Information Systems, including ArcPro
- Proficiency in computer operations including database management
- Ability to function independently;
- Ability to coordinate and collaborate with municipalities, landowners, NGOs and other partners
- Familiarity with nongame and endangered wildlife, at-risk plant species, and Maine Biogeography.
- Experience coding in Python, Model Builder or other software

## Application Process

To apply via email, send a cover letter outlining your interest and qualifications and a resume to:

[justin.schlawin@maine.gov](mailto:justin.schlawin@maine.gov)

Applications via mail are accepted and must be received before the application deadline to be considered. Mail applications should be sent to:

Justin Schlawin  
Program Coordinator  
Beginning with Habitat, Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
353 Water Street, SHS 41  
Augusta, ME 04333

For questions about WMI contact positions:

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