

Wetland Scientist / Assistant PM

ESI seeks a full-time Wetland Scientist with aquatic resource permitting experience to support full project delivery and management of energy projects. This role primarily focuses on projects in the southeastern U.S. and entails both field and office work, as defined below.

Responsibilities

Field work

•Lead field aquatic resource assessments and non-native invasive plant surveys and collect data digitally and in compliance with federal and state requirements.

Conduct restoration and mitigation site monitoring.

 Participate in threatened and endangered species habitat assessments and surveys.

 Participate in other field efforts as needed, including routing studies, construction site access reviews, infiltration testing, and Phase I Environmental Site Assessments.

Mentor junior staff Scientists in development of proper field identification and data collection.

Office work

Competently prepare and/or act as a technical reviewer for aquatic resource survey reports in accordance with current scientific writing standards and regulatory agency requirements.

Assist with preparation of reports outside of individual's primary area of technical expertise.

•Independently complete significant portions of complex regulatory and/or permitting documents (i.e., ESA, NEPA, CWA), including robust data organization, analysis, and presentation.

*Actively engage with ESI staff across all levels to identify and implement continuous process improvement strategies.

Act as an Assistant Project Manager (including but not limited to leading field data collection, report/permit generation, subcontractor management, Client and Agency coordination) on medium to large sized, multi-disciplinary projects across a broad geographic area.

 Act as Project Manager on small to medium sized projects in the southeast within areas of individual professional expertise.
Actively engage in marketing activities, including Client

communication and preparation of technical proposals containing scope, timelines and cost estimates.

Assist in preparation for, and attend, technical, industry, and/or other conferences and meetings.

*Mentor junior staff Scientists, including document production and leading discrete sections of periodic ESI-internal education seminars.

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1. Our collaborative and open-minded environment fosters the trust and support necessary to take calculated risks requisite for growth.

2. Our diverse and talented technical experts afford big-picture insights that elevate the quality of services we provide to Clients.

3. Our services help identify, conserve, and protect natural and cultural resources for future generations.

ABOUT ESI

An emerging leader in environmental consulting, ESI seamlessly merges real-world field expertise, scientific acumen, and comprehensive knowledge of the regulatory framework to assist clients balance societal needs with environmental conservation and enhancement of natural and cultural assets. Our support of various private industries and governmental agencies spans the biological sciences, cultural resources, and civil engineering and ranges geographically across the central and eastern U.S.

HOW TO APPLY: Please use the email subject "Wetland Scientist / Assistant PM" and send a resume to Employment@envsi.com.





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Minimum Qualifications

Bachelor's degree in ecology, biology, or related field.

•6+ years of professional work experience with aquatic resource delineations in the southeastern U.S., with at least 2 years of experience in consulting.

•Demonstrable evidence of technical competence to act in a Field Lead role for at least two (2) different types of ecological field surveys (aquatic resource delineation, rare plants, endangered species, etc.).

*Strong knowledge of plant identification, vegetation surveys, and soil descriptions in the southeastern U.S.

•Competent to act as a Field Supervisor for multiple field teams for medium to large scale projects (>150 field team days).

Possess a valid driver's license.

*Willingness and ability to travel a minimum of 40% for fieldwork and up to 10% additional for professional development, marketing and agency or Client meetings.

•Possess or be eligible for third party certification from at least one outside entity for the individual's area of professional expertise (i.e., Associate Wildlife Biologist, Associate Ecologist, Wetland Professional in Training, etc.).

Preferred Experience

Advanced degree in ecology, biology, or related field.

•State and/or Federal Section 10(a)(1) Scientific Collection permit for one or more listed species.

•Professional Wetland Scientist certification.

•Prior experience with scope and fee generation for proposals.

•Demonstrable understanding of regulatory compliance requirements and experience in complex technical document writing and permitting (CWA, NEPA, ESA, etc.).

Location

Preference is for individuals to be based near ESI's office in Maitland, FL or fully remote within the southeast (TN, NC, SC, AL, GA).

While fully embracing the benefits of remote work catalyzed by the COVID-19 pandemic, ESI also believes in the undeniable benefits of face-to-face communication. To that end, office-based employees are afforded a flexible office work schedule, reporting to physical locations on average 2 days per week.

Salary & Benefits

ESI has standardized and transparent pay ranges based upon education and experience. The anticipated base annual (2080 hours) salary pay range for the qualifications listed above is \$83,000 to \$94,000 per year. Individuals with more or less experience are invited to apply, with the understanding that the associated salary will likewise vary accordingly. See accompanying pages for ESI's standard benefits package.





Benefits and Total Rewards Summary 2025

Paid Time Off (PTO)

ESI provides compensated leave for vacation, personal and sick time as one comprehensive bucket identified as "Paid Time Off" or PTO. All full-time (2,080+ hours), salaried employees are eligible for PTO from their first day of work, accrued per pay period based on years of service with the company. After one (1) year of service, *pro re nata* (PRN) employees qualify for PTO, accrued in one lump sum annually, based on the number of years of service and the number of hours worked *in the prior calendar year*. The table below identifies the PTO accrual based on years of service and annual hours worked.

Hours Worked	680	1040	1560	Full Time, Salaried
From Start	-	-	-	128 Hours
After 1 year	40 Hours	64 Hours	96 Hours	128 Hours
After 2 years	56 Hours	80 Hours	120 Hours	160 Hours
After 5 years	64 Hours	100 Hours	150 Hours	200 Hours
After 10 years	64 Hours	100 Hours	150 Hours	240 Hours

PTO may be taken in 4- or 8-hour increments. A maximum of 8 hours of PTO may be claimed per 24hour period. PRN employees may claim PTO at any time of year, including during a work leave of absence. Likewise for PRN employees, PTO is always paid at the "straight time" rate and does not contribute to "hours worked" for the calculation of hours eligible for overtime wages, regardless of when it is recorded in the pay week.

Accrued, unused PTO for all staff is rolled from one year to the next, up to a maximum of 320 hours' worth, after which the excess amount is paid out to the employee. All accrued, unused PTO is paid out upon an employee's departure from the organization.

Accrued, unused PTO for PRN staff the is not used by January 31 is automatically paid out to the employee.

Employer Sponsored Healthcare Coverage (Medical, Dental, and Vision)

• Full Time, Salaried:

ESI pays <u>100%</u> of employee's healthcare coverage for all full-time, salaried professionals. For employees with spouses, children, or other qualified dependents, ESI pays 50% of those premiums. Employees may elect to enroll in just one or all the various types of coverages, for themselves and/or their families. Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield bi-weekly premium payroll deductions for full- time, salaried staff with dependents are as follows:

	Employee	Spouse	Child(ren)	Family
Medical	-	\$136.88	\$78.61	\$238.46
Dental	-	\$6.01	\$11.66	\$18.18
Vision	-	\$1.29	\$1.16	\$2.55

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PRN

Starting in the second year of employment, all PRN staff working more than 624 hours in the prior year are eligible to participate in ESI's healthcare coverage. The percentage paid by ESI is determined by the number of hours worked in the prior calendar year. Employees may elect to enroll in just one or all of the offered coverages.

Hours Worked Per Calendar Year	ESI Pays	Employee Pays
1,560	100%	0%
1,040	70%	30%
832	50%	50%
624	40%	60%

Dependent coverage is available, employee pays 100% of dependent premiums.

Paid Holidays

Full-time

ESI currently provides 10 paid holidays (8 hours per each) for full-time, salaried employees in each calendar year:

- New Year's (1)
- Memorial Day (1)
- Independence Day (1)
- Labor Day (1)
- Election Day (1)
- The day before, Thanksgiving, and the day after (3)
- December 24 & 25 (2)

PRN

All PRN staff working BOTH the normal business day before and normal business day after a company holiday receive eight (8) hours of compensated time off OR 2X pay for time worked, depending on project schedules.

<u>401(k) Plan</u>

- All employees are eligible to participate in ESI's 401(k) plan on the next plan entry date (1 January and 1 July), after date of hire via salary deferral and receive a matching contribution.
- All employees are automatically enrolled in the plan at a 3% salary deferral.
- Employees not wishing to participate in the ESI 401(k) plan must opt out via the plan administrator's website, <u>www.voya.com</u>.
- Employer matching contributions on up to 5% of salary deferrals.
- Additional discretionary matching and/or profit-sharing contributions may also be made, on a year-to-year basis.



Benefits Available Exclusively to Full Time Salaried Staff

- Parental Leave
 - ESI offers 8 weeks (320 hours) of compensated time off work ("Parental Leave") once per employee, per occurrence and once per calendar year. The employee may take the allotted Parental Leave pay in one continuous period of leave or in increments of as little as one hour, at any time during the first 12 months after the event.
- Flexible Spending Account (FSA)
- **100% Employer Paid Accidental Death and Dismemberment** (\$40,000 benefit through Anthem BCBS) and Group Term Life (\$40,000 benefit through Anthem BCBS).
- **100% Employer Paid Short- and Long-Term Disability:** All full-time employees are automatically enrolled into both coverages (currently through Reliance Standard).
 - Short Term Disability (STD): Benefit 60% of weekly earnings to a weekly maximum of \$1,000 (weekly minimum of \$10).
 - Long Term Disability (LTD): Benefit 60% of monthly earnings to a monthly maximum of \$5,000 (with a monthly minimum of \$100).