

**MSU EXTENSION
COMMUNITY, FOOD, AND
ENVIRONMENT INSTITUTE****Position Information****Position Title**

Conservation Scientist

Salary

Commensurate with education and experience

Benefits

Comprehensive benefits package:
<https://www.hr.msu.edu/benefits/index.html>

Location

MNFI Office, Lansing

To Apply**Current MSU Employees:**

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Posting Number:

873626

Application Deadline:

1/16/2024 – Applicant review to begin week of 11/27/2023

Contact for Questions

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Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI) Director**Position Overview**

The mission of the Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI) is to guide the conservation of Michigan's biodiversity by providing the highest quality scientific expertise and information. MNFI's vision is to be the authoritative source of information on biodiversity that is widely used to conserve Michigan's unique natural heritage for current and future generations.

The MNFI Director will provide statewide leadership for the direction, management, and fiscal sustainability of MNFI, while providing biodiversity and conservation expertise, fostering, and building relationships between MNFI scientists, conservation partners, researchers, and educators. The director will work directly with MNFI staff to facilitate strategic planning, program development, and fundraising, while serving as the key contact to government agencies, NatureServe, and the Natural Heritage network, numerous conservation organizations, foundations, and other funders and cooperators.

The director will understand, support, and communicate information about Michigan's rare and declining plant species and natural communities, support the maintenance of Michigan's Natural Heritage Database, and work cooperatively with other MNFI personnel, public and private agencies, organizations, and individuals to inform and guide decisions that impact biodiversity conservation.

This position may be eligible to utilize a flexible work environment. However, there is an expectation to work from the MNFI office located in downtown Lansing, Michigan.

Qualifications**Minimum Qualifications** (see full description for complete list of requirements)

- Master of Science from an accredited institution in a field of study related to botany, zoology, ecology, conservation biology, natural resources management or related field.
- Minimum of five years of relevant scientific and administrative experience, including program, financial, and project management, supervision, and fundraising.

Application Process

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