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Daniel Reynolds	Planner Raritan Watershed & RCPP	Conservation Planning Support
Samantha Loscalzo	Planner Neshanic, Readington and Musconetcong Watersheds	Conservation Planning Support
Marc Virgilio*	Partner Biologist Statewide	USFWS Easements
Kristin Adams*	Planner Statewide	Aquaculture Planning Support
Kelly Steimle	Agricultural Resource Specialist	NJ Water Supply Authority
Katherine Urban-Mead*	Pollinator Specialist Statewide	Pollinator Specialist
Hunter Ross	Biologist	Quail Forever
Brittany Welch	Planner/Wildlife Support Vineland and Woodstown Service Area	Conservation Planning & Wildlife Support
Riley Blankenship	Planner Vineland Service Area	Planning/Outreach/Urban Planning/Implementation
Alyssa Bright	Planner/Wildlife Support Vineland and Woodstown Service Area	Conservation Planning & Wildlife Support

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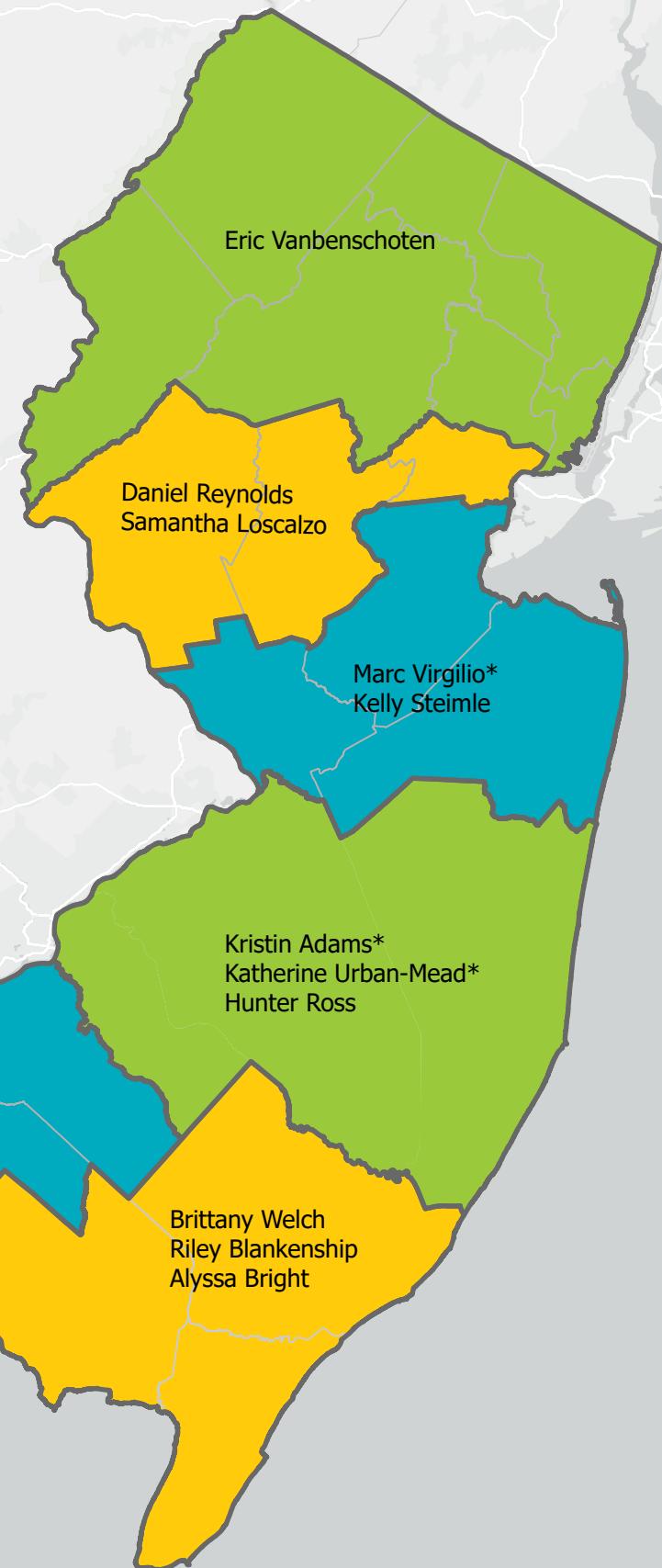


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Serving Middlesex, Monmouth, and Mercer Counties

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Program Assistant	7502
Natural Resource Specialist	7121
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North Jersey Offices

Frenchtown Service Center

Serving Hunterdon, Somerset, and Union Counties

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Natural Resource Specialist	2356
Natural Resource Specialist	2348
Natural Resource Specialist	2359
Civil Engineer	2362
Soil Conservationist	2374
Agriculture Conservation Specialist	2024
Agricultural Specialist (North Jersey RC&D)	2370
Assistant Watershed Protection Specialist (NJWSA)	2361
Agricultural Outreach Specialist (North Jersey RC&D)	2351

Hackettstown Service Center

Serving Morris, Sussex, Warren, Bergen, Hudson, Essex, and Passaic Counties

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Soil Conservationist	7519
Soil Conservationist	7521
Civil Engineering Technician	7510
Natural Resource Specialist	7524
Natural Resource Specialist	7517
Natural Resource Specialist	7520
Natural Resource Specialist	7526
Natural Resource Specialist	7534
Resource Soil Specialist	7516
Agriculture Conservation Specialist	7535
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South Jersey Offices

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Irrigation Specialist/Energy Specialist	7650
Soil Conservationist	7654
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Agricultural Conservation Specialist (CASCD)	7648
Stewardship Specialist (NJ Audubon)	7669

Woodstown Service Center

Serving Gloucester and Salem Counties

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Soil Conservationist	3147
State Biologist, South & Central Support	3136
Environmental Compliance Coordinator	3136
Natural Resource Specialist	3141
Natural Resource Specialist	3148
Natural Resource Specialist	856-230-6171
Agriculture Conservation Specialist	3132

Special Project Locations

Cape May Plant Materials Center
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Civil Rights

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Civil Rights Officer

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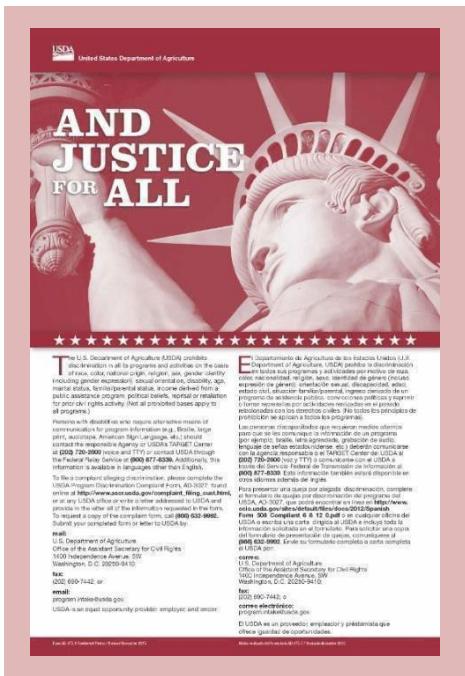
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Acting State Conservationist Order of Succession

Assistant State Conservationist – Management & Strategy
Assistant State Conservationist – Programs
Assistant State Conservationist – Field Operations
State Conservation Engineer
State Resource Conservationist
State Soil Scientist
Public Affairs Specialist

Alternate Headquarters

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Frenchtown Service Center

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