

Position Title: Housing and Environmental Design Specialist

Position Location: Headquartered in Trenton, Missouri (Grundy County) and serves the following counties: Andrew, Atchison, Buchanan, Caldwell, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Gentry, Harrison, Holt, Livingston, Mercer, Nodaway and Worth counties in the Northwest Region and as assigned in the Northeast Region.

Position Summary: Regional Specialists provide leadership and expertise to the local community within the assigned counties with research-based education and information. Specialists work side-by-side with local people to solve problems, make decisions, access resources and chart a course for success. Work closely with County Councils, program partners, volunteers, and other professionals to provide programmatic leadership to diverse audiences with diverse needs. Create linkages with University of Missouri campuses, Lincoln University, and other partners and funding stakeholders to plan, implement, and evaluate priority programs. May provide supervision and leadership to associates within surrounding counties.

Responsible for programmatic leadership and/or applied knowledge in high priority program areas related to affordable housing, healthy homes, landlord-tenant issues, home maintenance, sustainable design, accessibility and community development.

Minimum Qualifications: Earned master's degree in interior design, architecture or related area with appropriate coursework exhibited is required.

Ability to travel and to work flexible hours including evenings and weekends is required to fulfill assigned responsibilities.

City/County Information: Trenton is the county seat of Grundy County with a population today of 6,216. Industry, education, agriculture and retail trade currently make up the economic base.

Located just 96 miles northeast of Kansas City, Trenton lies in an ideal spot for trade and travel. U.S. Highway 65 bypasses the city's east edge, and Highway 6 runs directly through the downtown area, travels through the Amish community of Jamesport, and joins Highway 65 as it runs on its east-west course.

Evidence of the growth of Trenton in recent years includes new businesses, new homes, and the remodeling of existing structures. North Central Missouri College, a junior college is involved in a major fundraising campaign for extensive renovation and expansion. Trenton is a city of solid and substantial growth. It is one of the most desirable and attractive small cities in the Midwest.

According to the Trenton Chamber of Commerce, you will find the best of both worlds in Trenton, Missouri!

For more information about the Trenton/Grundy County community, visit <http://www.trentonmochamber.com/>, <http://www.grundycountymo.com/> or [Click here to view a PDF of the recent Trenton Magazine!](#)

Facts about University of Missouri and MU Extension: University of Missouri provides teaching, research and service to Missouri and beyond. The university was the first publicly supported institution of higher education established in the Louisiana Purchase territory. Its philosophy of education was shaped in accordance with the ideals of Thomas Jefferson, who was an early proponent of higher education. Today, the University of Missouri System is one of the nation's largest and most prestigious public research universities.

University of Missouri Extension, an academic division of University of Missouri-Columbia, is dedicated to improving people's lives, communities and the economy by providing relevant, responsive, and reliable research-based education. MU Extension faculty and staff continually work to find more effective and efficient ways to develop and deliver research-based educational programs to enhance the success and well-being of individuals and families, businesses and public-sector organizations through Missouri.

Salary/Benefits: \$36,500-46,500 (based on applicable experience)

This position offers paid time off, including 17–22 vacation days, 12 sick days, 4 personal days, and 8 paid holidays each year. Enrollment in health, dental, vision, life, and accidental insurance, retirement, work injury benefits, disability insurance, and flexible spending accounts are available. In addition, a 50% reduction of educational fees is available for eligible spouse or dependent child of eligible employees for up to six credit hours of University of Missouri college level courses per semester. For more information about our benefits, please visit <http://www.umsystem.edu/ums/departments/hr/benefits/>.

Application Procedure: All interested applicants must submit a completed application, cover letter, current resume and copies of all academic transcripts to: MU Extension, Human Resource Development, 205 Whitten Hall, Columbia, MO 65211. If you have any questions, please call (573) 882-4721 or email hrdext@missouri.edu. An application form and complete position description are available at <http://extension.missouri.edu/careers>. Review of applications will begin March 29, 2010.

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