



## City of Cascade Locks

### Community Profile

**County** Hood River

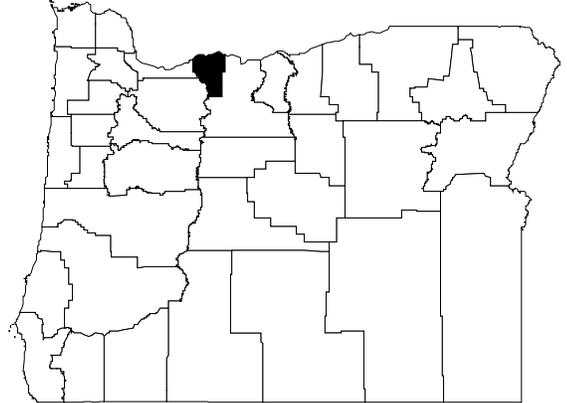
**City** Cascade Locks

**Population** 1,200

### Description

**Sponsor** City of Cascade Locks  
<http://www.cascade-locks.or.us>

**Supervisor** Gordon Zimmerman, City Administrator



**Assignment** Cascade Locks is a historic town located in the heart of Oregon's Columbia River Gorge and Cascade Mountains. It is one of the oldest towns on the Columbia River, originating in 1853 with the arrival of three families who settled alongside an existing native population. A small settlement grew up on the banks of the river to help travelers portage around the rapids, first by foot, then by mule-drawn rail cars, steam engines, and finally riverboats. The City took its name from a set of locks built to improve navigation past the Cascades Rapids of the Columbia River. Incorporated in 1935, the City of Cascade Locks is led by an elected Mayor, a City Administrator and six City Councilors.

The RARE participant placed with the City of Cascade Locks will coordinate with various community groups to promote the City as a tourist destination. Specifically, the participant will work with the Downtown Revitalization Steering Committee, downtown merchants, the Tourism Committee and the Port of Cascade Locks to plan, conduct and evaluate new activities aimed at bringing more visitors to the community. The participant will also identify local volunteer opportunities, create a volunteer marketing and recruitment campaign, train volunteers, oversee the work of the volunteers, and help the community evaluate its volunteers and the events.

### Meet Rebecca Sergeant



Rebecca received her Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies from Southern Illinois University. Continuing her education, Rebecca received a Masters in Architecture from the New School of Architecture and Design. After completing her Master's Degree, Rebecca worked as an intern architect, architectural coordinator and a freelance model builder. Rebecca joined the RARE Program alongside her husband, Jason, and their daughter Mary. Following her year with the RARE Program, Rebecca hopes to develop her own authentic character and perhaps step up to role model status for her daughter.