



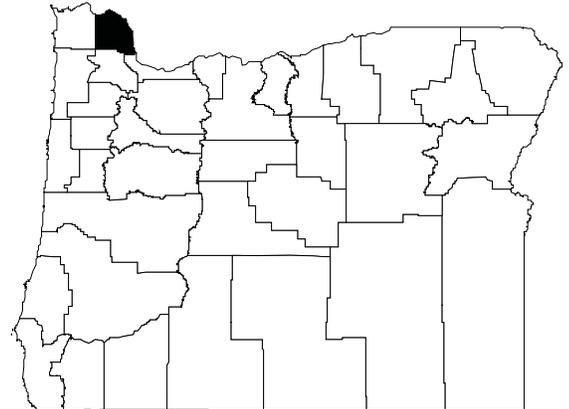
City of St. Helens

Community Profile

County Columbia
 City St. Helens
 Population 12,895

Assignment

Organization City of St. Helens
 Supervisor Jacob Graichen
 RARE Member Anya Moucha



About City of St. Helens

The City of St. Helens is located in southeastern Columbia County on the Columbia River, approximately 30 miles northwest of Portland, Oregon. Near the riverfront, the Old Town portion of St. Helens features a Nationally Registered Historic District encompassing 10 blocks, which includes residences and civic buildings dating back nearly a century. Currently, the community is in transition shifting from a historic “mill town” to now determining its future. One defining characteristic is that 70 percent of the workforce commutes outside the county to work.

The RARE participant placed with the City of St. Helens will work with the Main Street Program to promote the district, increase community involvement and investment in the district, improve signage in the district, and facilitate economic development within the district. The RARE participant will also work on volunteer recruitment, retention, and outreach by attending and participating in meetings and by working with SHEDCO and the Main Street Program to strengthen weak areas. In addition, the RARE participant will help coordinate the efforts of SHEDCO, City Tourism, Chamber of Commerce, and Community Foundation on behalf of SHEDCO and the Main Street Program in order to eliminate and prevent the duplication of efforts amongst groups and to make better connections between SHEDCO and the business community. Finally, the RARE participant will assist with community development through grant facilitation, planning activity assistance, and outreach assistance.

Meet Anya Moucha



Anya received her bachelor’s degree in Global Studies with an emphasis on Environment and Sustainable Development and a minor in Environmental Science, Policy, and Management from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. Anya has worked for the Bayfield Regional Conservancy as Digital Communications Coordinator, a position in which she was responsible for managing and maintaining the organization’s website and improving communication with members. Anya hopes that the RARE Program will allow her to expand professionally through experiencing many aspects of environmental planning through an interdisciplinary approach to looking at environmental and economic challenges simultaneously. After her year with RARE, Anya hopes to continue her education and obtain an advanced degree in landscape architecture or urban planning in order to pursue a career in sustainable urban design.