



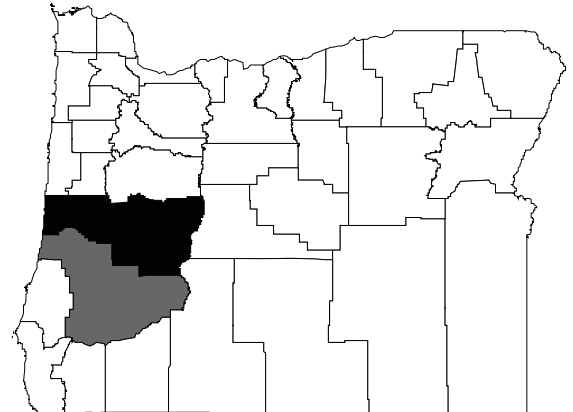
Sustainable Cottage Grove

Community Profile

County Lane, Douglas
 City Cottage Grove
 Population 40,000 (Southern Lane County and Northern Douglas County)

Assignment

Organization Sustainable Cottage Grove
 Supervisor Richard Sedlock
 RARE Member Julia Reynolds



About Sustainable Cottage Grove

Sustainable Cottage Grove (SCG) was formed in 2011 to help members of the Cottage Grove community better respond to changing economic, environmental, and social circumstances. The mission of Sustainable Cottage Grove is to promote sustainable living practices, enhance mental and physical health, and foster interdependence among community members. SCG provides organizational structure and resources for several projects that develop personal and local resilience, particularly for community members who do not possess significant resources including wealth, property, cars, etc. SCG develops the means to effectively share skills and resources throughout the community, and to promote local food production and distribution, conservation and reduced consumption, and a spectrum of community-building actions.

The RARE participant placed with Sustainable Cottage Grove will work to improve the local food system by producing a comprehensive inventory and capacity assessment of the local food system, and by generating a CFA report that can be used by local stakeholders. The RARE participant will also research practical aspects of supplying locally grown food to local school districts, evaluate farm-to-school potential in all local districts, and develop a set of recommended procedures that have general applicability and site-specific recommendations as appropriate. Finally, the RARE participant will investigate and evaluate existing communication platforms and develop methods to enable and improve region-wide communication.

Meet Julia Reynolds



Jules received her bachelor's degree in both International Studies and Geography with concentrations in Global Resources and the Environment/Global Health and Sustainability, a certificate in Global Health, and a minor in Spanish from the University of Iowa. After attaining her bachelor's degree, Jules worked for the Kusamala Institute of Agriculture and Ecology in Malawi as Community Mapping Coordinator. During her first year with the RARE Program, Jules worked as Community Food Organizer with Oregon Food Bank in Clackamas County, developing and analyzing data on rural food systems in the county as well as facilitating community workshops and writing a Community Food Assessment to guide county food systems development. Jules hopes that her second year of practical, grass-roots, hands-on work with food systems through the RARE program will equip her with a deeper sense of understanding about food systems, agriculture, and hunger in the real world. After her second year with RARE, Jules hopes to use the practical knowledge she has gained to help her excel in graduate school.