



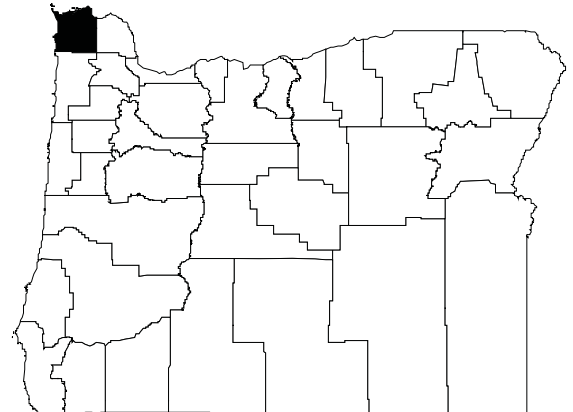
## City of Astoria

### Community Profile

County Clatsop  
 City Astoria  
 Population 9,813

### Assignment

Organization City of Astoria  
 Supervisor Angela Cosby  
 RARE Member Ian Sisson



### About City of Astoria

The City of Astoria’s Parks & Recreation Department provides life-long learning, well-ness, and well-being through recreational opportunities and is dedicated to the preservation of natural resources, open spaces and facilities that inspire and bring neighbors together. The Astoria Parks and Recreation Department consists of the Astoria Aquatic Center, the Astoria Recreation Center, Port of Play/Little Sprouts (an indoor playground and childcare facility), and 43 designated Parks, which includes the popular Astoria Column, Fort Astoria/Fort George Park, Shively Park, and the Astoria Riverwalk Trail.

The RARE participant placed with the City of Astoria will inventory park sites and facilities to develop an understanding of departments and community history. The RARE participant will also develop data collection methods and meet with community members, stakeholders, and service groups, and then will analyze and assess the collected data in order to determine whether the City of Astoria’s parks serve the current population and what demands might be needed in future years. In addition, the RARE participant will work with the Community Development Director and the Parks and Recreation Director to prepare a comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan based on the outcomes of the data collected. Finally, the RARE participant will present the finalized plan to the Parks Advisory Board, Planning Commission, and City Council for plan adoption.

### Meet Ian Sisson



Ian received his bachelor’s degree in Architecture with a specialization in Urban Design and Planning from the Illinois Institute of Technology. After attaining his bachelor’s degree, Ian worked as an Associate with the Lakota Group, working with a broad range of comprehensive plans, feasibility studies, transit-oriented development projects and historic preservation projects. Ian hopes to spend his year with the RARE Program working on focusing his professional vision, moving toward a career that is focused on fostering social and ecological well-being. Ian sees himself leaving his year with the RARE Program with an extraordinary sense of fulfillment and gratitude that will propel him toward the next milestone in his life, whether it be a graduate degree, work in the public or private sector, or another service program.