



City of St Helens

Community Profile

County Columbia

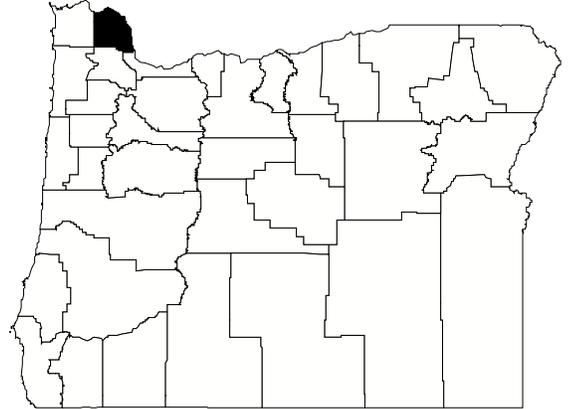
City St. Helens

Population 12,900

Description

Sponsor City of St. Helens

Supervisor John Walsh



Assignment 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 assist in the creation of two important planning documents that will improve the attractiveness and livability of the St. Helens Community. Specifically, the participant will update the 1996 Parks Master Plan to integrate connectivity of non-motorized access with emphasis on connecting public spaces and access to the Columbia River waterfront. Additionally, the participant will help develop the Hwy 30 Corridor Plan; an equally exciting plan that will ultimately redefine the appearance and function of the Hwy. 30 Corridor through St. Helens.

Meet Jenny Dimsho



Jenny received her Bachelor of Science in Community and Regional Planning from Missouri State University. As a student, Jenny interned with the SW Missouri Council of Governments where she helped develop 2012-2013 Human Service Transportation Plan for the 10-county region. After attaining her Bachelors Degree, Jenny decided to move to Portland, Oregon in order to establish residency for in-state tuition. Jenny plans to use her year with RARE to improve her planning skills through first-hand experience while allowing her to further define her career path. Following her year with the RARE Program, Jenny plans on attending graduate school to further her studies in planning and community development.