

# Ten Rivers Food Web

## Community Profile

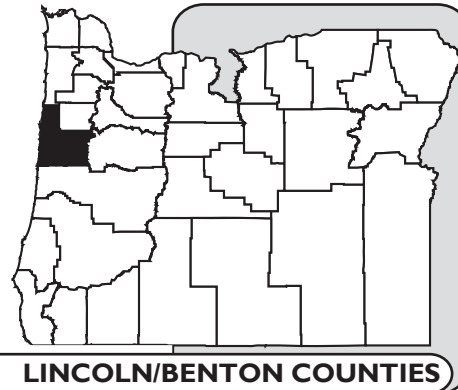
**Population** 103,069

**Location** Tangent

## Position Description

**Sponsor** Ten Rivers Food Web

**Supervisor** Jen Myers  
Community Food Organizer



**Assignment** Ten Rivers Food Web is a non-profit corporation based in Corvallis, Oregon. It is governed by a Board of Directors with representatives from the three counties that are home to the ten rivers – Linn, Benton, and Lincoln counties. The term “food web” is used to index the multiple networks that exist between producers, processors, and consumers of food. Ten Rivers Food Web aims to connect social relations to food through education of the local population. Additionally, Ten Rivers Food Web works on projects to increase the amount of food grown, processed, and distributed locally.

The RARE participant placed at Ten Rivers Food Web will utilize the results of the 2011 Community Food Assessments for Linn and Benton Counties to develop food systems projects, including farm to school programs, community gardens, processing and market development, and micro-enterprise development. In doing so, the participant will work with community partners to further determine strategic priorities in each region; once defined, the participant will help implement priority projects. Additionally, the RARE participant will plan and execute community events to help increase awareness about local farms and food.

## RARE Participant



Spencer Masterson

**Spencer Masterson** grew up in Gurnee, Illinois. He graduated from the University of Illinois – Urbana/Champaign with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Consumer Economics. As a student, Spencer spent a semester in Thailand studying community outreach while living in a rural community which profoundly impacted his personal and professional goals. Following graduation, he volunteered at number of sustainably oriented NGOs in both Chile and Brazil. Following Spencer’s second year with the RARE Program, he hopes to continue his work in the food systems planning field.