



## City of The Dalles

### Community Profile

**County** Wasco

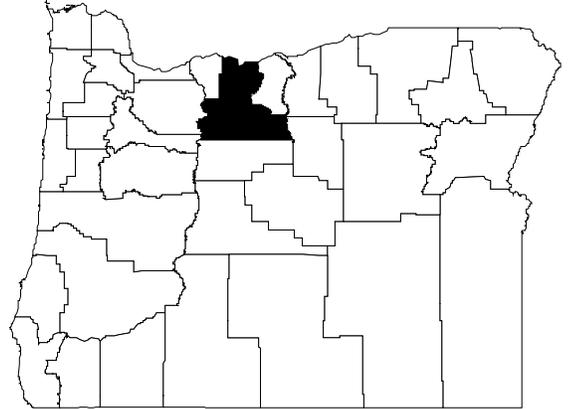
**City** The Dalles

**Population** 14,400

### Description

**Sponsor** City of The Dalles

**Supervisor** Nolan Young



**Assignment** The City of The Dalles is located on the Columbia River, the nation's second largest river. It is the county seat and the largest community in Wasco County. The Dalles is one of Oregon's most historical cities and was known earlier in its history as the town at the end of the Oregon Trail. The City was first incorporated by the Oregon Territorial Government in 1857 as "Dalles City" and was made the county seat shortly thereafter. It has historically been an economic hub of the Pacific Northwest, linking major transportation routes between Eastern and Southern Oregon and Washington State.

The RARE participant placed with the City of The Dalles will work directly with The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce to coordinate and support various components of the Oregon Main Street Program. Specifically, the participant will take on the role as Main Street Manager, where they will attend Main Street Program meetings, work with appropriate organizations, and participate in joint activities and initiatives.

### Meet Matthew Klebes



Matthew received his Bachelor of Science in Political Science from the University of New England. After attaining his Bachelors Degree, Matthew went on to attain a Masters in Public Policy and Management from the University of Southern Main. After attaining his Master's Degree, Mathew served with Peace Corps in The Philippines where he worked as a Child, Youth and Family Extensionist. As a Peace Corps Member, one of Matthew's biggest accomplishments was the development of a youth rehabilitation center. Matthew plans to use his RARE experience to further develop his education and professional skills as well as gather direct experience working alongside professionals. Following his year with the RARE Program, Matthew hopes to find work where he can help guide communities onto paths of sustainable development.