City of Umatilla

Community Profile

County: Umatilla  
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Population: 7,000

Assignment

Organization: City of Umatilla  
Supervisor: Russell Pelleberg  
RARE Member: Matthew Tsui

About the City of Umatilla

Umatilla, incorporated in 1864, is a small community located in Eastern Oregon at the confluence of the Columbia River & Umatilla River. The Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla Native American tribes traditionally used their ancestral homeland and river system for trade, travel, marriage, fishing and politics. The City of Umatilla is working hard to revitalize downtown and improve recreational opportunities, making Umatilla a great place to live, work & play!

As the GPS Data Coordinator/Recreation Planner, Matt is leading three projects. He will continue field data collection of the City’s water and sewer infrastructure systems, developing maps and data layers to better answer citizen questions and prepare for maintenance and improvement. He will develop a plan for a continuous trail system along the Umatilla River. This project will address recreational needs, as well as transportation and natural/cultural resources affected by the project. Last but not least, we will revise and update the Buildable Lands Inventory.

Meet Matt Tsui

• B.S in Environmental Resource Management, minor in Environmental Engineering, International Agriculture, Watershed and Water Resources - Penn State University  
• People may be surprised that I am huge college football fan.  
• My most significant accomplishment, thus far, was growing affordable vegetables at urban farm called Heritage Farm for Philadelphia families faced with the challenges of poverty