

# Port of The Dalles

## Community Profile

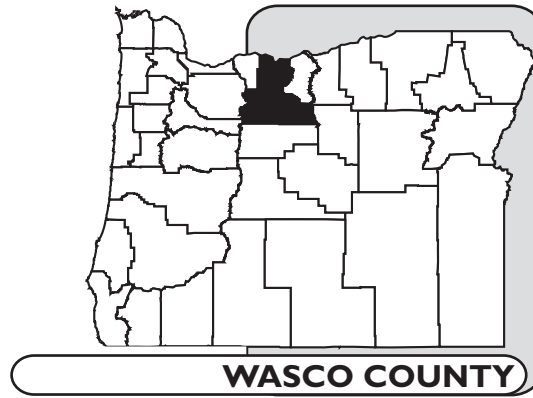
**Population** 13,045

**Location** The Dalles

## Position Description

**Sponsor** Port of The Dalles

**Supervisor** Andrea Klaas,  
Executive Director



**Assignment** The RARE participant is working on four projects with the Port of The Dalles all centered around downtown development. Recently, the port invested heavily in downtown infrastructure improvements; the participant is using a collaborative approach to link downtown business marketing efforts, recruit new businesses, and improve the overall image of the area. Specifically, the participant is gathering data, conducting stakeholder interviews, facilitating public meetings, and writing a plan that promotes downtown business development.

Also, the participant is assisting the Planning Department to update its historical information database and collecting necessary data to further facilitate downtown development. The participant is also in the process of identifying potential partnerships for economic development in the area. Finally, the RARE participant assists the Executive Director with the port's business recruitment.

## RARE Participant



Nora Donovan

**Nora Donovan** is entering her second year with the RARE program and will continue her work with the Port of the Dalles. Nora grew up in the small town of Placitas, New Mexico. She attended Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, where she earned a BS in Economics and a BS in Political Science. Nora studies focused on rural and urban growth, Confucian capitalism, environmentalism, and the adverse affects of nuclear energy development. As an undergraduate, Nora spent two summers interning for a Portland, Oregon city commissioner and volunteered at the West Linn Adult Community Center.