

City of Stayton

Community Profile

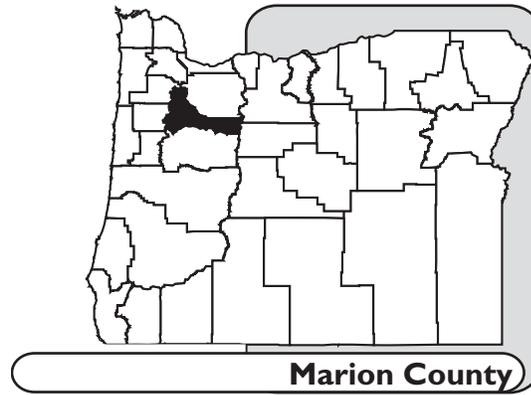
Population 7,820

Location Stayton

Position Description

Sponsor City of Stayton

Supervisor Dan Fleishman,
Director of Planning
& Development



Assignment The RARE participant in the City of Stayton is responsible for coordinating public participation to increase the effectiveness and accountability of City Hall. The city council has identified increased public participation as a goal for 2009-10, as such the RARE participant is responsible for the development and execution of a multi-faceted public participation program to increase citizen involvement in municipal government. This includes providing information to the public as well as spearheading efforts to gather citizens' perceptions about the current successes of city government which will guide the development of city policy. The participant collaborates with city department heads preparing surveys to understand citizen perspectives regarding current conditions in the city, future growth patterns, and the quality of governmental services. Additionally, the participant is coordinating an ongoing series of public meetings to gather more input on about issues facing the city government and its citizens.

In line with the city council's goals of increasing volunteer involvement in city government, the participant also serves as a volunteer coordinator responsible for collecting information from city departments and community organizations on future volunteer opportunities. The participant publicizes these opportunities to community members and matches volunteers to appropriate organizations and tasks. The participant facilitates this process by organizing bimonthly meetings to allow community organizations and city departments to share programs, needs, and funding opportunities with each other.

RARE Participant



Angeline Lehnert

Angeline Lehnert grew up in Houston, Texas and earned a BS in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from Texas A&M University. Recently, Angeline was awarded a Master's in Urban Planning by Texas A&M University. Following college, she worked as a zookeeper at the Houston Zoo and volunteered for a number of organizations such as The Public Land Trust in Houston, Texas and the Wildlife Rehab & Education in College Station, Texas. As a graduate student, Angeline gained valuable work experience as a research assistant for the Texas A&M Hazard Reduction/Recovery Center and the Texas Transportation Institute. She is interested in citizen participation, watershed management, and planning for wildlife connectivity.