

Astoria Downtown Historic District Association

Community Profile

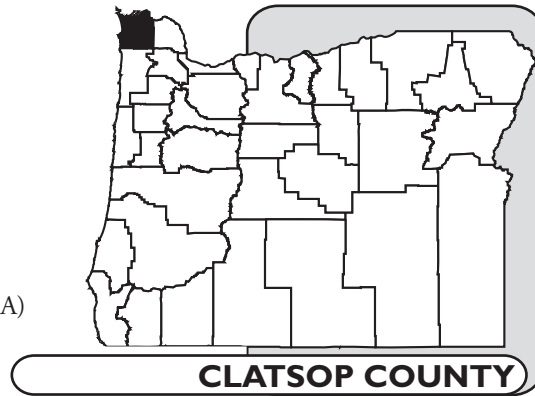
Population 9,813

Location Astoria

Position Description

Sponsor Astoria Downtown Historic District Association (ADHDA)

Supervisor Tiffany Estes
President



Assignment Established in the 1980s, the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association is a non-profit organization whose mission is to facilitate community involvement in preserving the character of historic downtown Astoria. Further, the organization encourages investment in the area while promoting its health and future. Earlier this year, the Astoria Downtown Historic District re-entered the Oregon Main Street Program and advanced to the second level of participation. The downtown district encompasses more than thirty square blocks and is the oldest US settlement west of the Rockies.

The RARE participant placed with the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association focuses on building the capacity of the organization. Specifically, the participant is inventorying all downtown properties in the area, coordinating and facilitating downtown promotional events, and researching sustainable funding models. Also, through outreach activities and creative marketing, the participant will develop a comprehensive database of organization stakeholders.

RARE Participant



Blaire Buergler

Blaire Buergler grew up in Arlington, Virginia. She received a BA in Public and Urban Affairs from Virginia Tech and focused on urban planning and policy. As a student at Virginia Tech, Blaire was selected to be a Resident Advisor and volunteered for the “The Big Event” which allowed her to give back to the local community. Blaire’s interest in service and community development was solidified during a recent trip to rural Jamaica where she together with others built a home for one family. Prior to joining RARE, Blaire worked as a Visitor Services Counselor for Arlington Economic Development where she was responsible for everyday management of the Visitors Center and providing visitor services to local conference and conventions including the Marine Corps Marathon. Following RARE, Blaire hopes to work in the planning field and eventually return to school to continue her studies in Urban Planning.