

City of The Dalles

Community Profile

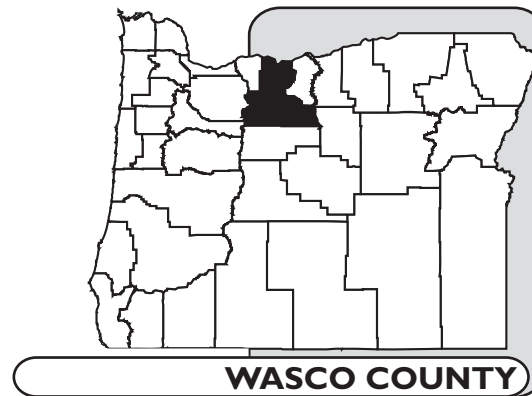
Population 19,587

Location The Dalles

Position Description

Sponsor City of The Dalles

Supervisor Dan Durrow
Community
Development Director



Assignment **City Planning.** The City of the Dalles has a population of about 12,000 people. The RARE participant works in the Community Development Department which is responsible for long range planning, current planning, the urban renewal program, historic landmarks program, enterprise zone program, riverfront rail development support, and other special projects.

The RARE participant placed with the City of The Dalles is conducting an update to the community's Vision Action Plan. Specifically, the participant is leading the update process which includes organizing committees, facilitating community meetings, coordinating with various special districts and governments, updating the written draft, and holding meetings with local government officials. Additionally, the participant provides staff support to the downtown development steering committee.

RARE Participant



Thomas Gilbertson

Thomas Gilbertson grew up in Portland, Oregon. He received his BS in Planning, Public Policy and Management from the University of Oregon. As a student, he studied economics, tax policy, and interned as the GIS land-use planning at Lane Council of Governments. Also, Thomas served as the President of the Association of Fundraising Professionals where he led resource development initiatives for a number of local non-profits including Rural Development Initiatives and the Willamette Resources and Education Network. Following RARE, Thomas hopes to work in the planning field for a couple years before starting graduate school.