

Lane Council of Governments

Community Profile

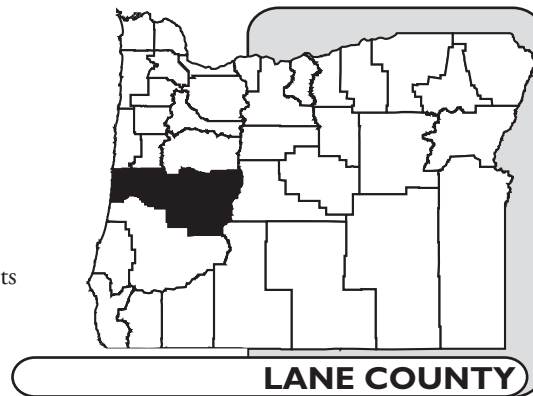
Population 346,560

Location Eugene

Position Description

Sponsor Lane Council of Governments

Supervisor Denise Kalakay
Senior Planner



Assignment **Natural Resource Planning.** Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) is a voluntary association of local governments in Lane County, Oregon. Dedicated to solving area-wide problems, LCOG helps area cities, Lane County, adjacent counties, educational districts, and special-purpose districts reach their common goals. In addition, the agency serves as a regional planning, coordination, program-development, and service-delivery organization. Over the years, LCOG has dealt with many issues, programs, and projects that affect local government. Typically, LCOG has conducted or facilitated the multi-jurisdictional planning and program development necessary to solve problems or provide services.

The RARE participant placed with the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) is working with eight rural cities in three counties to create regional policies to ensure conservation of wetland and riparian areas during future development planning. Specifically, the participant is developing a Water Resource Land Use Alternatives Kit that will guide smaller cities to integrate water resource policy and regulatory provisions as they grow. Additionally, the participant is creating public outreach materials, writing news releases, and conducting public forums to review possible actions each city can take.

RARE Participant



Fraser MacDonald

Fraser MacDonald was raised in Loveland, Colorado and received a BS in Natural Resources from the University of Nebraska. He has been living and exploring the west ever since leaving Nebraska, most recently in California, Montana and Colorado. Recently, Fraser completed his Master's in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Oregon. As a student, he earned a graduate research fellowship from the Institute for a Sustainable Environment and conducted research to quantify the economic impacts of forest and watershed restoration. Since graduation, Fraser worked for the Long Tom Watershed Council and explored the Pacific Northwest's wilderness backpacking, climbing and mountain biking.