

# City of Lebanon and Build Lebanon Trails

## Community Profile

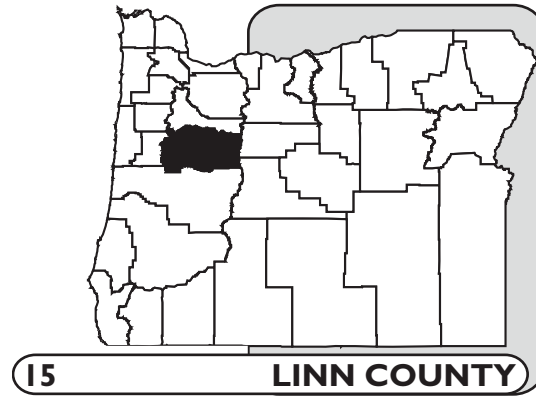
**Population** 14,000

**Location** Lebanon

## Position Description

**Sponsor** City of Lebanon

**Supervisor** Rodney W. Sell,  
Maintenance Division  
Manager



**Assignment** The RARE participant will work to develop more trails and a trail system strategic plan. This will include conducting feasibility studies for additional trail segments, designing a comprehensive program for construction and maintenance of the trail system, and forming strategies to mobilize necessary resources. Planning will include researching funding sources to ensure long term success. Finally, the RARE participant will update and modify an existing Build Lebanon Trails Database to improve functionality and accommodate long term growth.

**Required Skills** The ideal RARE participant needs strong organizational skills, people skills, and should be an effective communicator, both verbally and in writing. S/he should have an understanding of park planning strategies, practices, and methods. The participant should be a motivated self-starter, and should be capable of leading public meetings, coordinating public participation, and working with community groups during the development of planning documents. Applicants must be computer literate and able to use Microsoft Work, Excel, and ArcGIS, accessing the internet and have experience using or a willingness to learn computer mapping software.

## RARE Participant



Mark Swenson

Mark Swenson is from Hixton, WI, population 446. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources in Land Use Planning in December of 2006. While at Stevens Point, Mark served as a teaching assistant for two forestry classes held at Treehaven Field Station. He also worked for six months as a land use analyst at the Center for Land Use Education. Before moving to Oregon to start his RARE position, Mark worked as a caretaker at the Tongue River Reservoir State Park in southeastern Montana.