Long Tom Watershed Council

Community Profile:
Population 140,550
Location Eugene

Position Description:
Sponsor Long Tom Watershed Council
Supervisor Dana Erickson

Assignment
The RARE participant will be support staff for the Council’s Education and Outreach Program with responsibilities for publishing the monthly newsletter, setting up council meetings, writing press releases, making GIS maps, and arranging educational booths. The participant will also be responsible for the Watershed Monitoring Program. The participant will oversee volunteers and help with data collection, data management and analysis, problem solving, and presentation of data to the public.
The participant will also work with the Council’s volunteer program by researching other programs that are productive, implementing the Council’s program, upgrading the volunteer database, and evaluating the program at the end of their service.

Required Skills
The ideal RARE participant will have a working knowledge of Graphic Information Systems (GIS), desktop publishing, the writing on scientific topics for the layperson, database development, and creative thinking. The participant will also need leadership, project management, editing, and interpersonal communication skills.

RARE Member: Brian Issa - 2003-2004, Year 10 Participant
Brian Issa graduated from Utah State University with a B.S. in Biology and Environmental Soil/Water Science. He has worked for the Bureau of Land Management conducting surveys for sensitive species of mushrooms, lichens, and bryophytes. He also has worked as a Biology Technician for the University of Oregon Institute of Neuroscience, where he mapped the genome of the zebrafish. In 2003 he received a masters degree in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Oregon.