

Harrisburg, city of

Community Profile:

Population 2,900

Location Harrisburg

Position Description:

Sponsor City of Harrisburg

Supervisor Bruce Cleeton

Assignment

The RARE participant will be responsible for park projects within the City of Harrisburg. Working with the parks committee to create a special park district, the participant will draft a petition and write an economic feasibility statement, while meeting the legal requirements to place the district on the ballot for the November elections.

In addition, the participant will work on creating a master plan for parks, which will include potential parcels for acquisition and research into potential future funding and/or fees to make the master plan a feasible reality. A smaller project for the RARE participant will be to assist with a street design project, which will create design standards for residential streets within Harrisburg.

Required Skills

The ideal RARE participant will have an interest and passion in parks and recreation facilities. The participant will also need to be able work independently as well as with groups, have good written and oral communication skills, and be a diplomat with patience and perseverance.

RARE Member: *Sarah Ruether - 2003-2004, Year 10 Participant*

Sarah Ruether has a B.S. in Environmental Science from Western Washington University. She has worked in the field of environmental and science education working for Washington State Parks and Pacific Science Center. Sarah has also worked as an administrative assistant at a mountain and landscape architecture firm, SE Group. In September 2001, she entered the Portland State University masters program for Urban and Regional Planning. While a masters student, she interned at Silver Valley People's Action Coalition in Idaho and at the City of Beaverton.