

Veneta, City of

Community Profile:

Population 2,755

Location Veneta

Position Description:

Sponsor City of Veneta

Supervisor Margaret Boutell

Assignment

The RARE participant will be working on three main projects for the City of Veneta. The first project will be aiding city staff in the daily duties of the planning department including: processing development applications, meeting with property owners, performing research, writing staff reports, and testifying at public hearings. The second project is working to revise the Stormwater Master Plan (SWMP). The RARE participant will assist with the revision of the current SWMP to reflect up to date research in stormwater design, and the City's desire to protect private property while preserving natural resources. The major tasks include: convening and conducting public meetings, recruiting and organizing a Citizen Action Committee, serving on the Technical Assistance Committee, reviewing existing code and suggesting changes to encourage or require stormwater best-management-practices, and creating educational materials about good stormwater design for citizens and elected officials. Lastly, the RARE participant will be working on an updated Transportation Service Plan. The RARE participant will closely examine how best to preserve wetlands while providing adequate traffic flow through the city.

Required Skills

The ideal RARE Participant needs a background in natural resources, landscape architecture and/ or regional planning.

RARE Member: *Brian Issa - 2004-2005, Year 11 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. He earned a Master of Community and Regional Planning from the University of Oregon. Brian served in the RARE program last year working with the Long Tom Watershed Council.