

Long Tom Watershed Council

Community Profile:

Population 137,893

Location Eugene

Position Description:

Sponsor Long Tom Watershed Council

Supervisor Cindy Thieman

Assignment

As the Monitoring and Outreach Assistant for the Long Tom Watershed Council, the RARE participant's duties will be divided between the Water Quality Monitoring Program and Outreach, including the Volunteer Program. Currently the Council conducts monthly water quality tests at several sites throughout the watershed; these tests are performed by volunteers. The RARE participant's role is to oversee these volunteers, ensuring that all of the equipment is supplied and in working order, and also that tests are being performed correctly. The Monitoring Program position also includes entering the data supplied by the tests into the database, which is used for later analyses. Responsibilities with the Volunteer Program include recruiting new volunteers and helping them become involved in the council in ways that are suitable to their skills and interests. The RARE participant also will attend all council meetings in order to assist with meeting logistics and facilitation, as well as to learn about issues within the council. Another main duty is the monthly production of the Council's newsletter. This involves designing the layout, managing materials for the newsletter, editing, printing, and mailing.

Required Skills

The RARE participant should be familiar with databases and desktop publishing. Interpersonal communication skills and creative thinking for program adaptation will also be helpful.

RARE Member: *Lori Quillen - 2004-2005, Year 11 Participant*

Originally from Chattanooga, Tennessee, Lori Quillen recently graduated from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology and a concentration in Environment and Society. In her senior year, she held an internship with Knox County Parks and Recreation. As an intern, she helped perform background research for a green infrastructure plan in the Beaver Creek Watershed in North Knox County. After completing her service with the RARE program, Lori plans to attend graduate school in the field of environmental planning.