

Community Profile

Population: 21,000

Location: Jacksonville

Position Description

Agency: City of Jacksonville

Supervisor: L. Scott Clay, Planner/Manager,
Recreation Planner



Assignment: The RARE participant will be working on several historic preservation (HP) planning projects for the City of Jacksonville. The projects include the creation of an historic HP Map to outline significant historical community features, and a digital database to provide thematic area and historic photography and written documentation of approximately 10 historically designated historic landmarks within Jacksonville. The goal is to create a webbed data system which could be leveraged to better implement the HP fund, a system that will be used to fund HP efforts throughout the community. These efforts will include administering/overseeing basic regulatory matters, as well as monitoring activities on how long the various conditions of the historic landmark buildings in the commercial area. The RARE member will be responsible for creating the applications and presentation materials for the HP fund and managing the loan-imaging process. Finally, this position will utilize the archaeological-bridge efforts for the Core Enhancement Plan. Once completed, this will be an integrated bridge plan within the historic zone.

Required Skills: Computer and photography skills will be required for the core areas of work to be performed on this project. While not mandatory, some degree of background in historic preservation, architectural history or cultural resource management would be helpful.

RARE Member



Shela Winters, a native of Western Massachusetts, graduated from St. Cloud University with an undergraduate degree in Community Development. She had broad experience during her undergraduate years, including both Special Education and Heritage Interpretation Planning. She worked temporarily at the Benning County Department of Development in July, Massachusetts, where she gained experience in land-use planning, long-range planning, and economic development.