Community Profile

Population 2,410
Location Jacksonville

Position Description

Sponsor City of Jacksonville
Supervisor L. Scott Clay, Planner/Historic Preservation 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 electronic HP Map to outline significant historical community features, and a digital database to properly identify, store and retrieve photographic and written documentation of approximately 165 nationally designated historic landmarks within Jacksonville. The goal is to create one unified data system which enable Jacksonville to better implement the HP Fund, a system that will be used to fund HP efforts throughout the community. These efforts will include administering restoration loans to property owners, as well as contracting services to laser-image the current conditions of the historic brick buildings in the commercial core. The RARE member will be responsible for creating the application and promotional materials for the HP Fund and managing the laser-imaging contracts. Finally, this position will refine the revitalization design efforts for the Core Enhancement Plan. Once completed, this will be an integrated design plan within the historic core.

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

RARE Member

Abbi Wittman, a native of Warren, Minnesota, graduated from St. Cloud University with an undergraduate degree in Community Development. Abbi had broad interests during her undergraduate years, including both Special Education and Heritage Preservation Planning. She held an internship at the Benton County Department of Development in Foley, Minnesota, where she gained experience in land-use planning, long-range planning, and economic development.