Community Profile

Population 3,680

Location Veneta

Position Description

Sponsor City of Veneta

Supervisor Ric Ingham, City Administrator

Assignment As the Program Coordinator with the City of Veneta, the RARE participant will be responsible for four projects: the implementation of an economic development plan; the implementation of a downtown development plan; updating the City's urban renewal plan; and completing an industrial lands certification. The position will require a great deal of interaction with the public including holding public meetings, attending planning commission meetings, and working with local business and land owners.

Required Skills The ideal participant will have a background in community development, landscape architecture, and/or regional planning. The participant would also have strong research and analytical skills, and an understanding of economic development and land use planning principles. The participant will have significant interaction with the public and should have strong interpersonal skills.

RARE Member

Daniel Watts, born in southwest Virginia, received his undergraduate degree from Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. His degree is in Urban Affairs and Planning with a minor in International Development. He became interested in planning after witnessing the uncontrolled growth in the Washington D.C. metro area and in Northern Virginia. Daniel has an interest in land use and transportation planning, specifically. Daniel has interned in several private planning offices, working for land use lawyers, low income housing developers, and private planning consultants.