

City of Lowell and Lowell School District

Community Profile

Population: 1,010

Location: Lowell

Position Description

Employer: City of Lowell and Lowell School District



Supervisor(s): Chuck Spivey, City Administrator,
and Debbie Spivey, Superintendent of Lowell Schools

Assignment: The RARE participant will split their time between the City of Lowell and the Lowell School District. With the City she will coordinate efforts with St. Vincent de Paul the St. Anne Corps of Engineers and Lewis County to develop affordable housing. Originally proposed in 1999, the housing development will bring together federal, county and city funds who donated to St. Vincent for the construction of approximately twenty single family homes. The participant will also work with Lewis County of Governments to create Lowell "Buildable" land inventory. Finally while the school district the participant will develop several resource based curriculum for implementation throughout the district and will direct efforts to complete a water flow plan in the eastern edge of town.

Required Skills: The RARE participant should have strong interpersonal skills, project management skills, fiscal proficiency and a working knowledge of Oregon's land use planning system. In this position, the participant will need to be able to manage complexed projects through various levels of governmental and non-profit agencies and will need to communicate and coordinate effectively with many federal, county, city and private entities.

RARE Member



Theresa Thomas

Theresa Thomas grew up in the townships of Lewis and served as a Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Kappa Theta member and environmental leader. Upon graduating, Theresa earned her Master's Degree and completed her service as an Environmental Coordinator in Memphis, Kentucky and worked for the State. Theresa has spent their working as a community organizer in Chicago and Cleveland, working with her local parks department. Upon completion of the RARE program, Theresa will be joining the Martin Luther Community and Regional Planning.