

City of Jacksonville

Community Profile

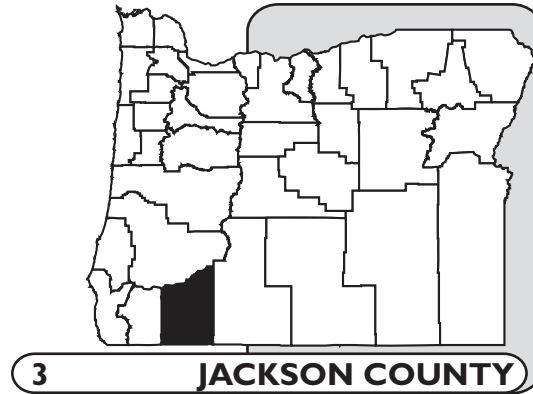
Population 2,410

Location Jacksonville

Position Description

Sponsor City of Jacksonville

Supervisor Paul Wyntergreen,
City Administrator



Assignment The RARE position with the City of Jacksonville involves four separate activities: program administration and development of the Historic Preservation Fund including the Grant Program and potential Loan Program; development of a feasibility study for a Growers' Market; the development of an Economic Development/Renewal (ED/ER) Research Manual that will highlight potential ED/ER activities for the City of Jacksonville, including interested community and civic organizations as well as identifying regional ED/ER efforts in conjunction with the identification of a committee to spearhead initial city-based ER efforts; and work with the newly created Parks, Recreation and Visitor Services Committee to be formed in January of 2007.

Required Skills The ideal RARE participant will have experience working with computer applications including, but not limited to, Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and ArcGIS. The participant should also have knowledge of community-based civic and religious organizations and knowledge of government-based organizations, including local, regional and statewide committees, commissions, and councils. The participant should be comfortable working alone or in small groups of people for project initiation, management, and implementation.

RARE Participant



Abbi Wittman

Abbi Wittman, a native of Warren, MN, is a second year participant of the RARE Program. Abbi graduated from St. Cloud University with an undergraduate degree in community development. Abbi had broad interests during her undergraduate career including both special education and heritage preservation planning. She held an internship at the Benton County Department of Development in Foley, MN, where she gained experience in land use planning, long range planning, and economic development. In her first year with RARE, Abbi worked on several historic preservation planning projects, including the development of a historic fund program and the creation of a digital database to track historic properties.