

## Community Profile

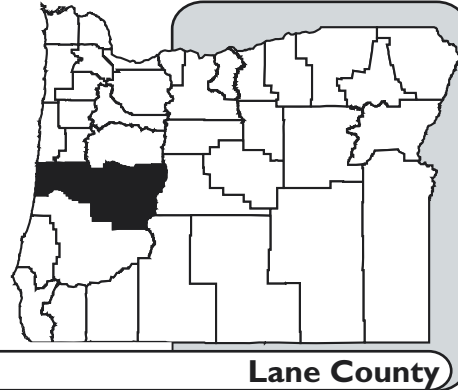
**Population** 3,955

**Location** Veneta

## Position Description

**Sponsor** City of Veneta

**Supervisor** Ric Ingham,  
City Administrator



**Assignment** The RARE participant in Veneta will work on four main projects linked to the City's long-term economic development goals. The projects include: supporting the Progress Board as they work to move four local plans from conception to implementation; working with a consultant to update the city's Urban Renewal Plan; completing a downtown capital improvements planning process; and creating a redevelopment "Tool Kit" as suggested in the city's Market Readiness Report.

**Required Skills** The ideal RARE participant will either have a background in economic development or have a strong desire to learn about economic development and downtown redevelopment during the course of his/her RARE experience. The participant will need to be proficient with Microsoft Office, should be comfortable facilitating meetings, and be a strong communicator.

## RARE Participant



Amie Collins

Amie Collins grew up in upstate New York. After completing her undergraduate degree in anthropology and economics with a minor in multicultural studies, she spent eight months working at a community supported agriculture farm in Sabattus, ME, and then moved to Montana to work for Hammer Nutrition as a client advisor. Having been interested in community planning since completing her undergraduate degree, she was drawn to the University of Oregon's (UO) service oriented curriculum. She was accepted to the UO's community and regional planning program in 2005 and has now completed her first year of coursework. She plans to finish her degree and her master's thesis once her RARE year is complete. In her free time, Amie has also worked with the architecture student group, DesignBridge, and has considered completing an additional master's degree in either architecture or landscape architecture.