

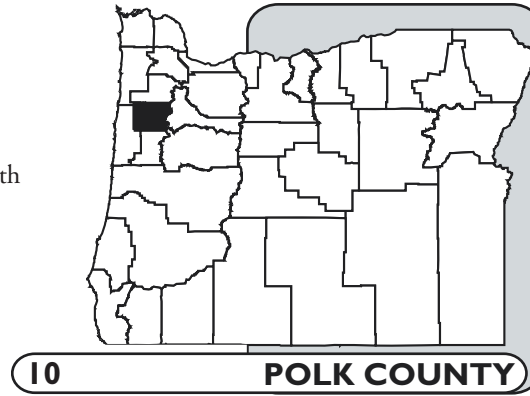
# Cities of Monmouth and Independence

## Community Profile

- Population** 6,500 (Independence)  
8,500 (Monmouth)
- Location** Independence and Monmouth

## Position Description

- Sponsor** City of Independence and City of Monmouth
- Supervisors** Shawn Irvine, Community Development, City of Independence; and Hal Schilling, Interim City Manager, City of Monmouth



**Assignment** The RARE participant will share his time between the cities of Independence and Monmouth. In Monmouth, he will primarily serve as the Planning Department’s “face to the public,” processing zoning change requests, helping with site plan review, and doing zoning ordinance review. He will also compile a buildable lands inventory and will help initiate a possible Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) adjustment. In Independence, the participant will research the development of a Port District, and aid in the development of a Safe Routes to School plan/program. He will work with participants of the local school district to develop a community task force that will focus on encouraging foot/bicycle travel to schools. He will work with an existing advisory board to finalize a draft management plan for a local business incubator, while securing the incubator’s 501(c)(3) status.

**Required Skills** The ideal RARE participant should have strong interpersonal skills, a desire to learn, and a desire to serve the public. Ideally, the person will be familiar with planning principles, Oregon’s land use system, and with basic economic development principles.

## RARE Participant



Timothy Brass

Timothy Brass grew up in the City of Lake Elmo, MN, a suburb of the Twin Cities. He studied land use planning and wildlife management at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. After graduation, Tim worked for the University of Minnesota doing forest research in the Chequamegon National Forest (in northern Wisconsin) as part of an effort to understand the effects of global warming and increased carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.