City of Cascade Locks

Community Profile

Population  1,150
Location  Cascade Locks

Position Description

Sponsor  City of Cascade Locks
Supervisor  TBA,
City Administrator

Assignment  As the Special Projects Manager for the City of Cascade Locks, the RARE participant will work on several projects. The first project focuses on the undergrounding of utility wires to increase utility safety and reliability. This project will benefit area residents by helping to lower maintenance expenses of the system and reduce fire risk. As a second project, the RARE participant will work with the City Administrator and Planner to implement the downtown revitalization plan by developing new ordinances and identifying additional funding sources. The RARE participant will also assist in the creation of a new fire hall, and more specifically, will identify additional sources of funding, write grants, and conduct community outreach. The participant may assist on additional projects as needed and may attend periodic meetings and workshops, and provide reports to city council as appropriate.

Required Skills  The ideal RARE participant will have strong organizational skills, verbal and written communication skills, and basic knowledge of city administration and planning. The participant will also need to be able to acquire specific knowledge of project costs and funding availability and should be able to manage projects effectively.

RARE Participant

Joel Klug grew up on a small fruit farm in southwestern Michigan’s “fruit belt” region along Lake Michigan’s shoreline. His interests in land use and preservation led him to Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti where he graduated with a bachelor of science in urban and regional planning. After RARE, Joel plans to pursue a master’s in planning, public policy, and management at the University of Oregon and wants to continue a career in community planning.