

City of Bandon - Regional Hazards Initiative

Community Profile

Population 3,115

Location Bandon (serving the cities of Brookings, Gold Beach, Port Orford, and Reedsport)

Position Description

Sponsor University of Oregon's Partnership for Disaster Resilience

Supervisor Krista Mitchell, Associate Director

Assignment This is one of three positions working with natural hazard mitigation. The RARE participant in this position is responsible for facilitating the development of hazard mitigation plan addenda for several communities on Oregon's south coast. The goals and objectives of the planning effort are to reduce the risks posed by natural hazards by assessment of risk and vulnerability and the identification of reduction strategies. The Oregon Coast planning effort will be facilitated in conjunction with the Lincoln and Clatsop County planning process. The RARE participant will help promote a collaborative partnership approach in the development of local and state mitigation planning efforts that foster inter-governmental coordination, public-private partnerships, and build local capacity to develop risk reduction strategies and activities.

Required Skills The ideal RARE candidate for this position will have strong written and verbal communication skills and should be comfortable working with the public and facilitating meetings. The participant should have experience in planning, outreach, and public management.

RARE Participant



Michael Scharenbroich

Michael Scharenbroich is a native Minnesotan from the suburban area of the Twin Cities. He stayed in Minnesota to study Conflict Management and Economics at St. John's University. He enjoyed the solitude of studying amongst the woods and lakes but needed to explore the world. He worked and studied in South Africa and China. Both of these experiences had a dramatic impact on his world view. His passion and dedication to urban issues stems from his belief that often, urban growth is the determining factor between the environment and economics. He is fascinated by such issues and wants to make it his career both nationally and internationally.

