

# Gorge Grown Food Network

## Community Profile

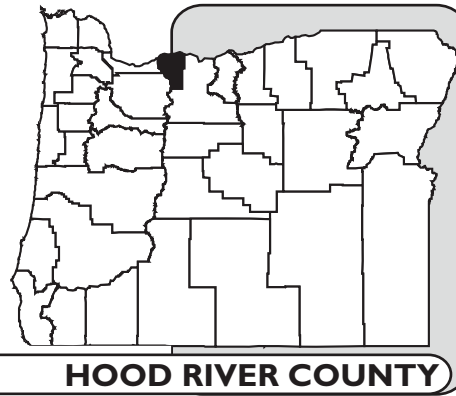
**Population** 75,000 (Columbia Gorge Region)

**Location** Hood River

## Position Description

**Sponsor** Gorge Grown Food Network

**Supervisor** Ann Kramer,  
Steering Committee  
Member



**Assignment** As the Gorge Grown Food Network Coordinator, the RARE participant will spearhead the county-wide Food Assessment process, in coordination with the Oregon Food Bank and a ‘collaborative’ group in the Gorge. The RARE participant will be the point person on this assessment. Also, they will be responsible for website management, a monthly e-newsletter, heading up monthly meetings, sending press releases, and continuing to coordinate with Steering Committee.

**Required Skills** The ideal RARE participant should have strong skills as a communicator and will need to enjoy talking in front of groups. S/he should have strong organizational skills and should be able to effectively balance many projects at the same time. The participant should be professional and mature, should be able to work with a wide variety of people and projects, and should have strong leadership skills. The participant should also have a passion for food systems work.

## RARE Participant



Sarah Hackney

Sarah Hackney, a native of rural Arcadia, FL, graduated in 2006 from Dartmouth College with a degree in Environmental Studies and a minor concentration in English. She has strong interests in agriculture, conservation, and the intersection of the two. Prior to RARE, Sarah’s professional experience is predominantly in the communications and environmental fields, from working as a field assistant on southwest Florida wetlands mitigation projects to advocating for a sustainable, locally-focused food system through the Dartmouth Local Foods Project and the Valley Food & Farm program in Vermont and New Hampshire. In early 2005, she returned home to Florida to assist the DeSoto County Disaster Recovery Coordinator in coordinating local hurricane recovery efforts after the community was devastated by Hurricane Charley in August 2004. Her long-term goals center upon working with rural communities to increase their economic, environmental, and cultural sustainability, especially with regard to increasing economic resilience and community food security in rural agricultural communities. Sarah is a second year RARE participant.