

Harrisburg, City of

Community Profile:

Population 1,965

Location Willamette Valley

Position Description:

Sponsor City of Harrisburg

Supervisor Dan Eckles, City Administrator

Assignment

Participant will make downtown streetscape improvements and continue industrial property development. Position also includes working with downtown merchants to develop consensus on downtown street design, and further developing industrial site inventory as well as an inventory of commercial properties and sites. Work might also involve helping to determine community preferences with respect to future development through a community futures survey.

Required Skills

Interest and ability to work with people (merchants in particular). Good organizational skills. Familiarity and interest with historic preservation and some design skills would be useful (although not required). Facilitation of meetings; high energy; good writing and public presentation skills.

RARE Member: Matilda Deas - 1995-1996, Year 2 Participant

Matilda received both her BS degree in Planning, Public Policy & Management, 1993, and her Master of Community & Regional Planning, 1995, from the University of Oregon. Since 1994, Matilda has worked with various local planning entities on research projects including rate system development charges, parks and recreation master plans, survey implementation and community meetings.

A founder of the Springfield Downtown Association, she participated in its efforts to develop and beautify downtown Springfield. She is interested in applying the skills gained from this experience to help other communities set and reach their development goals. Matilda has fundraising, grant writing and public speaking experience, and her computer skills include knowledge of Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, Excel, Lotus 1-2-3, and Harvard Graphics.