

Skamania County, WA

Community Profile:

Population 9,550

Location Southwestern Washington (Columbia River Gorge)

Position Description:

Sponsor Wasco County

Supervisor Skamania County Supervisor Harpreet Sandhu, Director Department of Planning & Community Development

Assignment

RARE worker will serve as a Long Range and Special Projects Planner for Skamania County. The County is growing rapidly at 3% per year, with the towns of Stevenson and Carson leading the County in growth. Participant will assist in preparation of comprehensive plans for specific unincorporated areas in the County, such as the town of Carson. Conducting a water quality and quantity analysis of the West End of Skamania County and developing a Wind River Watershed Management Plan will also be primary tasks for this position.

Required Skills

Research data analysis; budget management; grant writing; ability to assist in conducting public meetings; economic development assistance; public presentation and good writing skills; electronic research; mapping and/or AutoCAD, GIS skills.

RARE Member: Jason Robertson - 1995-1996, Year 2 Participant

In 1992 Jason received three BA degrees in International Relations, Spanish and Latin American Studies from California State University. During college, he spent a year abroad in Spain, founded the International Students Club and served as a councilman for the Academic Council on International Programs. Following graduation, Jason spent two years in Honduras with the Peace Corps, initiating sustainable agriculture projects, teaching leadership training courses and developing watershed management schemes. Following his year with RARE, Jason plans to receive his Master's in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Oregon and then use this knowledge and experience to develop natural resource planning programs in rural Northwest communities. His computer experience includes quantitative analysis, WordPerfect and Microsoft Word.