

# Columbia County

## **Community Profile:**

**Population** 42,585 (Columbia County)

**Location** St. Helens

## **Position Description:**

**Sponsor** Columbia County

**Supervisor** Todd Dugdale, Director of Land Development Services

## **Assignment**

The role of the RARE participant is to research a needs assessment and cost/benefit analysis for a county GIS upgrade, present results to departments, and implement approved action plans. The needs assessment will include an inventory of current usable data resources, and then determine requisite software, training, and data. The GIS coordinator will organize, present to, and take input from a GIS coordinating committee made up from departmental heads. Additional duties include departmental GIS education through a creation of a county website, a database of resources, and instructional workshops.

## **Required Skills**

Problem solving, research and communication skills. Ability to coordinate various departments within a county system.

## **RARE Member: *Kevin Condron - 1998-1999, Year 5 Participant***

Kevin received a BS in Geology from Western Washington University (in Bellingham, WA). He has since spent one year at an environmental/geo-tech consulting firm, and has taken computer science, and GIS classes at Portland State University. Kevin's professional interests include integrating GIS with community development, and natural resources.