Economic Development Council Tillamook County

Community Profile:
Population 23,800
Location Tillamook

Position Description:
Sponsor Economic Development Council of Tillamook County
Supervisor Valerie Folkema, Administrator

Assignment
The RARE participant serves as a program developer in the Economic Development Council of Tillamook County’s effort to develop the county’s emerging ecosystem management industry. His duties include: assessing industry skills, assessing contract opportunities, aligning local industry skills with contract opportunities, and identifying barriers to starting/operating a business or finding employment in the local ecosystem management market. The participant’s work will assist the stakeholders to craft a strategic plan for the development of the local ecosystem management industry and securing funding to implement this strategic plan.

Required Skills
Project management (budgeting, scheduling, computer skills), advanced written and oral communication skills, and the ability to work independently.

RARE Member: Chris Bayham - 1998-1999, Year 5 Participant
Chris received his bachelor’s degree in Natural Resource Management from Arizona State University in 1984. Upon graduating, he worked as a chemistry analyst for the Arizona Department of Agriculture. His graduate studies focused on physiological plant ecology. While in the Peace Corps, Chris worked as a natural resource planner for the U.S. Aid for International Development’s Forest and Land Use Planning Project in Niger, West Africa. Since returning from Niger, he has worked for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the Problem Assessment Branch. Chris was a program manager for the Radon Division and has published numerous papers addressing the risk of radon in schools. Most recently he has worked as a for the EPA’s Center for Outreach and Partners in the Indoor Environments Division and for the Joint Center for Sustainable Communities at the National Association of Counties.