

Yamhill River Watershed Council

Community Profile:

Population 65,000

Location McMinnville

Position Description:

Sponsor Yamhill Basin Council

Supervisor Melissa leoni, Coordinator, Yamhill Basin Council

Assignment

The RARE participant serves as the Watershed Assessment Project Manager to finish the Willamina Creek assessment and complete three additional assessments (Panther, Deer and Baker Creeks). Responsibilities include compiling the basic data needed to complete the assessment, recruiting and managing college interns, tracking and coordinating the completion of assessment components and convening a Technical Advisory Group to review assessment methods and results. The participant also plans and implements community outreach and meetings and compiles the results of assessment components into final watershed assessment reports for the Yamhill Basin Council and other groups as needed.

Required Skills

Advanced written and oral communication, computer proficiency (GIS preferred), experience in watershed issues, and the ability to work with diverse groups of people.

RARE Member: *Bob Bower - 1998-1999, Year 5 Participant*

Bob received a B.S. in Biology (Microbiology emphasis) from Humboldt State University in 1993. He took a position with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in January of 1994 and was based in the Czech Republic. He worked for two years as a Project Manager/Biologist on an Agricultural Technology Transfer program in the Czech and Slovak Republics. As a Project Manager/Biologist, Bob worked with farmers, small agricultural businesses and government ministries on their integration into a western agricultural market. Bob also attended a year of Graduate Studies at Prague's Charles University in department of Microbiology and Genetics. After his return to the U.S., Bob worked doing coastal stream mapping as a Field Biologist for the Department of Forest Science at OSU. After completion of that position Bob continued his education at OSU in the Department of Bioresource Engineering. His Masters Degree emphasis was on wetlands and water quality. Upon Completion of his RARE assignment Bob will seek another position in the area of water quality in the Pacific northwest.