Benton Soil and Water Conservation District

Community Profile:
Population 80,000
Location Benton County

Position Description:
Sponsor Benton Soil and Water Conservation District, Tangent, OR
Supervisor Cynthia McArthur, District Coordinator

Assignment
The RARE participant will play an important role in meeting the Benton SWCD mission which is to provide education and leadership in the conservation and wise use of the soil, water and related resources through a balanced, cooperative program that protects, restores, and improves these resources.
As the Education and Outreach Specialist, the RARE participant will lead conservation tours; make public presentations to local landowners and school groups; assist with the annual native tree sale; publish a periodic newsletter; oversee the conservation poster contest; and assist the Watershed Technical Specialist with grant writing and other educational opportunities.

Required Skills
Leadership skills, ability to coordinate and supervise volunteers, grant writing, and public speaking.

RARE Member: Chaun MacQueen - 1999-2000, Year 6 Participant
In 1996, Chaun MacQueen graduated from State University of New York College of Environmental Service and Forestry in Syracuse with a dual major in Environmental and Forest Biology, and Resource Management. While at SUNY-ESF, she was a researcher in a biomass-energy study and a teaching assistant in field forestry. Following her education, Chaun served in Nepal through the Peace Corps. There she worked with a District Forest Office on environmental education, technical assistance, and micro-business development.