

Columbia County Land Development Services Department

Community Profile:

Population 42,000

Location Columbia County

Position Description:

Sponsor Columbia County Land Development Services Department, *St. Helens, OR*

Supervisor Todd Dugdale, Director of Land Development Services

Assignment

The RARE participant serves as the County's Recycling Program Coordinator. Primary responsibilities include assisting the County's Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) and Land Development Services Director in planning, organizing, and carrying out a countywide recycling reporting, promotion, and public education program consistent with the Columbia County Solid Waste Management Plan. The participant will establish standard recycling reporting forms/procedures and filing system for all recycling activities and a database of county recycling quantities, sources, and markets by recyclable material in order to determine gaps to be addressed by a promotion/public education program. Working with solid waste franchisees, the Department of Environmental Quality and other community agencies, the participant will develop and fulfill the recycling/waste reduction promotion/public education program requirement. The participant will use a variety of media and methods to promote existing recycling programs and services including recycling depots, curbside pickup, and commercial/school/multifamily recycling programs.

Required Skills

Desktop publishing/word processing, ability to facilitate committee and public processes. Experience in environmental sciences relating to solid waste management helpful.

RARE Member: *Katherine Romano - 1999-2000, Year 6 Participant*

Katherine Romano has spent the past year working at the Center for Waste Reduction Technologies with a focus on air pollution prevention and industrial regulatory compliance. Prior to that, she was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa. In the Peace Corps, she worked in an Urban Environmental Management program, developing projects related to sanitation, composting, and environmental education. Katherine graduated from Clark University (Worcester, MA) in 1995 with a Bachelor of Arts in Government and Environmental Studies.