

HUES (Hermiston, Umatilla, Echo and Stanfield) Growth Impact Study Group

Community Profile:

Population 67,100

Location Umatilla County

Position Description:

Sponsor Hermiston, Umatilla, Echo, and Stanfield Growth Impact Study Group (HUES)

Hermiston, OR

Supervisor Bruce Peet, Umatilla County Economic Development Director

Assignment

The RARE participant will serve as the HUES Coordinator and will work with HUES members and their community partners. The participant will organize ways to articulate regional and community needs for infrastructure and other development that sustains community livability in a growing, changing economy, and will convey those messages effectively to the decision-makers and the public. This will lead to activities such as conducting community forums for information exchange and public awareness/education; engaging in problem-solving dialog with agencies such as the Community Solutions Team; and directing consultants to solve local problems and address community concerns.

Required Skills

Organization skills in planning and managing multiple projects, effective communications both in speaking and writing to diverse audiences, group facilitation.

RARE Member: *Wendy Kirkpatrick - 1999-2000, Year 6 Participant*

Wendy received her Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning in 1999 from Portland State University. While completing her graduate work, Wendy worked with the Multnomah County's Strategic Investment Program and the Workforce Development Board to help monitor SIP funded workforce training programs and affordable housing developments. She also worked with the Portland Development Commission's Economic Development Department and assisted in the planning and permitting process for the Cascade Station development and light rail projects. She has a BA in Environmental Studies and Geography from the University of Kansas.