

Myrtle Point, City of

Community Profile:

Population 2,725

Location Myrtle Point

Position Description:

Sponsor City of Myrtle Point, *Myrtle Point, OR*

Supervisor Arthur J. "Bud" Schmidt

Assignment

The RARE Participant will engage the community of Myrtle Point in a strategic planning process. The process will culminate in the Myrtle Point Community Plan. This Plan is envisioned as a handbook for the coordination of multiple public and private organizations in the Myrtle Point Area. The RARE participant will enlist the local city, port, chamber of commerce, school district, fairgrounds, museum, extension service and development corporation in a collaborative planning process. The process will include a public participation segment to develop community based development initiatives, and an action plan to ensure that the community will realize its goals. The initiative for the Community Plan emerged from a strategic planning activity called Vision 20/20 conducted in early 1999. That process identified a coordinated development effort as a key to revitalizing the Myrtle Point economy and maintaining the community's excellent quality of life.

Required Skills

Communications skills including listening, writing, public speaking and group participation processes; diplomatic manner and negotiation skills; creative thinking.

RARE Member: *Adam Zimmerman - 1999-2000, Year 6 Participant*

A 1997 graduate of the University of Oregon with a Bachelor of Arts, Adam Zimmerman majored in Planning, Public Policy and Management and Geography. He worked with the City of Eugene Planning Department addressing growth management and working with neighborhood planning. Adam also worked with Visions International in 1998 and 1999. Visions is a non-profit organization that helps American teenagers provide community service to impoverished people all over the world. Adam's focus with Visions has been in the Caribbean, on the islands of Dominica and Tortola.