

Rogue Valley Civic League

Community Profile:

Population 245,800

Location Rogue Valley Region, Jackson and Josephine Counties

Position Description:

Sponsor Rogue Valley Civic League, *Medford, OR*

Supervisor Deborah Ameen, Board Chair

Assignment

The Southern Oregon Quality of Life Indicator Project will monitor progress toward achieving and maintaining sustainable communities throughout the region. Through a joint effort between the RVCL and Southern Oregon University's Regional Services Institute, the participant will identify, review through an expert and community process, and track up to 30 Quality of Life Indicators for Jackson and Josephine counties over a three-year process. This will culminate in the publication of the Southern Oregon Quality of Life Report. Indicators will be tracked by the Rogue Valley Civic League and reported annually as a means of monitoring the region's progress towards achieving healthy and sustainable communities. This project has engaged hundreds of residents throughout Jackson and Josephine counties. The project will enable the vision to be transformed into definable, tangible components that can be measured for effectiveness and progress.

Required Skills

Research and writing, group facilitation and event coordination and planning, document design and layout, data base and web site development.

RARE Member: *Ross Finney - 1999-2000, Year 6 Participant*

Ross Finney is completing his graduate work in Environmental Education at Southern Oregon University, where he has also completed a Masters in Business Administration. Ross hopes to link these two areas of study to promote the strategic development of environmentally sustainable economic initiatives. His work in this area includes development of a green business certification program for the Ashland Conservation Commission. Ross has also worked with the Southern Oregon Regional Services Institute where he researched regional economic and social demographics and developed a list of livability indicators for the southwestern Oregon region.