

# Talent, City of

## **Community Profile:**

**Population** 5,000

**Location** City of Talent

## **Position Description:**

**Sponsor** City of Talent, *Talent, OR*

**Supervisor** Nancy Kincaid, City Planner

## **Assignment**

The RARE participant will serve as the Assistant Planner and will continue work started by the 1998-99 participant. The RARE participant will network with other interested agencies working on environmental and watershed issues, serve as staff support to the Parks Commission, and follow through on the process to qualify the City for the Tree City USA Program. Grant writing for urban forestry and parks projects will be a part of the job subject to opportunity and need. The participant will conduct field survey work preliminary to an Economic Development study for the City, and will have an opportunity to work with the public and with consultants in the early stages of developing a greenway parks master plan. The participant will provide administrative support to the City Planner in the course of updating development ordinances. Responsibilities will also include customer service, record keeping and routine administrative work.

## **Required Skills**

Ability to read, interpret and convey local ordinances and plan policies, both verbally and in writing. Basic understanding of GIS and ArcView. Patience and tolerance of people's differences.

## **RARE Member: *Matthew Mattia - 1999-2000, Year 6 Participant***

Matthew Mattia received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Pittsburgh in 1995, with majors in Anthropology and Religious Studies. Following this, he worked on a variety of cultural resource and archaeology projects in Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio. For the past year, Matthew has worked in Maine with a Resource Conservation and Development office through AmeriCorps/VISTA.