

# The Dalles, City of

## **Community Profile:**

**Population** 12,185

**Location** Wasco County

## **Position Description:**

**Sponsor** City of The Dalles

**Supervisor** Dan Durow

## **Assignment**

The RARE participant will address two major issues for The Dalles. First, the Vision Action Plan for the City of The Dalles needs to be updated. The Vision Action Plan is a vital planning tool in helping the community set direction for development. It has proven to be valuable in determining Council goals and acquiring development grants and private investment. The update process is important to keep pace with the changing attitudes and desires of the public. The RARE Participant will: organize update process; prepare materials for and conduct the public involvement process; hold work sessions with various groups and prepare final draft document for Council review and adoption.

Second, the City and other agency partners have invested many dollars and much time in GIS development. Using the GIS, an enforcement plan for sidewalks (and perhaps other code issues) needs to be developed. The RARE Participant will: organize a sidewalk inventory process using GIS data, maps, and air photos; conduct the sidewalk inventory and create a new GIS data layer; draft an enforcement plan including financial considerations for Council review.

## **Required Skills**

Task organization, public speaking and presentation, mathematical, analytical, planning, map and air photo interpretation, GIS, and writing skills will be necessary to accomplish the sidewalk enforcement plan. Task organization, public speaking and presentation, mathematical, analytical, planning, and writing skills will be necessary to accomplish the Vision Action Plan update.

## **RARE Member: *Darren Wyss - 2000-2001, Year 7 Participant***

Originally from rural Ohio, Darren Wyss received his Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources Parks, Recreation & Tourism Administration from The Ohio State University. His interest in spatial display of data, and more specifically Geographic Information Systems, led him to get a Bachelor of Science in Geography from the University of Oregon. During that time, he has worked at the University of Oregon as a research assistant studying stream habitat and at Oregon State University doing stream surveys.