

Clackamas County

Community Profile:

Population 340,000

Location Oregon City, Clackamas County

Position Description:

Sponsor Clackamas County

Supervisor Casey Marley

Assignment

The RARE Participant will complete the development of the county's All-Hazard Mitigation Plan to serve as a policy document outlining the county's philosophy and goals for disaster mitigation. The participant will develop a mitigation program management strategy to ensure a comprehensive hazard mitigation program is maintained within the county.

The participant will evaluate hazard and vulnerability data and identify areas of highest risk. Based on information provided by county staff the participant will identify county mitigation programs and policies currently in place. The participant will facilitate and document the work of the Hazard Mitigation Committee. The participant will facilitate community outreach to get a sense of community support for hazards mitigation. The outcomes of the participant's year will be the development of Clackamas County's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The work will include: development of a Mitigation Action Plan that identifies and prioritizes opportunities for pre and post disaster mitigation to public and private properties at risk; and finally the development of recommendations for the Board of Commissioners action, identifying options for hazard mitigation program management on a sustainable basis.

Required Skills

The participant should have a background in natural sciences and emergency management; knowledge of group dynamics and principles of effective meetings; ability to communicate both orally and in writing, including the ability to speak publicly with clarity; ability to work independently; skill in data research, collection and documentation; ability to set goals and manage projects; good judgment, tact and diplomacy; and computer skills.

RARE Member: *Cindy Kolomechuk - 2001-2002, Year 8 Participant*

Cindy Kolomechuk spent the summer of 2001 working as a Research Assistant with the University of South Carolina's Hazard Research Lab. She also interned with the town of Boone, North Carolina, in the Planning Department. Cindy received her undergraduate degree in Geography and Community and Regional Planning from Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, in 1999. In 2001, she completed her Master's degree in Geography from the University of South Carolina.