Stayton, City of

Community Profile:
Population 6,816
Location Stayton, Marion County

Position Description:
Sponsor City of Stayton
Supervisor Chris Childs

Assignment
The RARE Participant will work with public works staff in researching existing permit agreements and mapping them out for easy “at-a-glance” identification that will enable the city to prioritize the implementation of prior permit agreements. The RARE Participant will be responsible for research and use a computerized mapping (CAD) system for the project.
The RARE Participant will assist city management staff in identifying viable funding opportunities, developing one or more application packets, and may be asked to assist in researching background data in support of more general municipal funding sources such as a local fuel tax, street improvement fees, etc.
The RARE Participant will assist planning staff in data gathering, preparation of relevant information and making presentations to the public, Planning Commission and City Council regarding elements of the Periodic Review process.
The RARE Participant will also work, in cooperation with the City Planner, in identifying various elements of an overall community strategy to take advantage of programs that will enhance and revitalize the city’s housing stock, downtown core area, etc.

Required Skills
The RARE Participant will need knowledge of small city government, ability and interest in learning about the management of a small city, excellent communication skills, good writing skills, ability to work with people of varying backgrounds, public speaking experience, and good project and time management skills.

RARE Member: Michelle Pezley - 2001-2002, Year 8 Participant
Michelle Pezley graduated with a degree in Community and Regional Planning from the College of Design at Iowa State University in 2001. While completing her undergraduate degree, she worked on a Growth Management Plan for the City of Gilbert, Iowa, and an Urban Revitalization Plan for Indianola, Iowa. Michelle also interned for St. Charles County Planning and Zoning in St. Charles, Missouri, and for the South East Iowa Regional Planning Commission in Burlington, Iowa.