

The Dalles, City of

Community Profile:

Population 12,185

Location The Dalles, Wasco County

Position Description:

Sponsor City of The Dalles

Supervisor Dan Durow

Assignment

The RARE Participant will work on a Vision Action Plan update for the City of The Dalles. The Vision Action Plan is a vital planning tool in helping the community set direction for future development. The participant will review and prepare materials and conduct the public involvement process, including a major community-wide survey. Work sessions will need to be conducted with various groups. The participant will write the process findings and conclusions and prepare a final draft document for the City Council's review and adoption. The RARE Participant will develop a sidewalk improvement plan. He will organize a sidewalk inventory using Geographical Information Systems (GIS) data, maps, and air photos. The participant will oversee the coordination protocol of development with public works and code enforcement. The participant will conduct a sidewalk inventory and create a new GIS layer map. Finally, he will draft an improvement plan.

Required Skills

The RARE Participant will need to come to the community with GIS skills; organizational skills; experience in public speaking and presentation development; mathematical, analytical and planning skills; and writing skills will be necessary to accomplish both the Vision Action Plan update and the sidewalk improvement update.

RARE Member: *Darren Wyss - 2001-2002, Year 8 Participant*

Darren Wyss earned a degree in Natural Resources Parks, Recreation and Tourism Administration from the Ohio State University in 1994, and a second bachelor's degree in Geography from the University of Oregon in 2001. Most recently, he worked as a Research Assistant at the University of Oregon studying stream habitat. He also served as a Research Assistant at Oregon State University conducting stream surveys.