City of Scappoose

Community Profile

County: Columbia  
City: Scappoose  
Population: 6,785

Assignment

Organization: City of Scappoose  
Supervisor: Laurie Oliver  
RARE Member: Garett Peterson

About the City of Scappoose

The City of Scappoose is a small, but growing community (6,785 population) located 25 miles north of Portland. The city has 32 employees and provides a variety of municipal services to its residents. The City is a lean organization and many departments have their hands full just addressing daily activities, in addition to the current housing applications in the coming year. This demands much of the City Planners attention, which does not leave time for long range planning. The Planning Department will benefit greatly from a RARE participant, and the participant will benefit greatly from the broad range of experiences to be had in our exciting little community.

Garett will assist with development code and comprehensive plan updates, more specifically the following sections: Airport Master Plan, Transportation, Flood Plains - FEMA, Food Cart Ordinance, and Infill Development. He will also work with the Parks and Recreation Committee on implementation of a new Parks Master Plan (created with support from past RARE). In this role, he will organize and facilitate meetings, create a Friends of Scappoose Parks organization to help coordinate clean-up and improvement projects. Garett will also be helping to coordinate and plan the 3rd Annual Town Meeting, develop a marketing/branding strategy for the City, and more.

Meet Garett Peterson

• B.S. in Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning – University of California, Davis  
• People may be surprised when they learn that I backpacked through eight countries in Europe over a span of two months this past fall.  
• The most significant accomplishment in my life is being accepted to study abroad in South Korea for one whole year as an undergraduate. Studying abroad had a monumental impact on my life because being completely immersed into a new culture really opened my mind to new perspectives and ideas. Additionally, this experience had a positive impact on my personal growth and development because I had the opportunity to test my ability to adapt to new and difficult situations which helped develop my independence.