

# City of Nyssa and City of Vale

## Community Profile

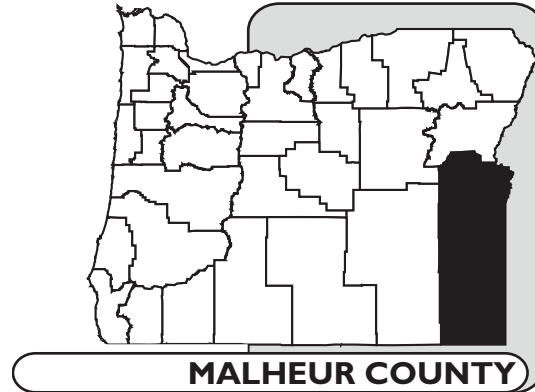
**Population** 3,220 (Nyssa)  
2,040 (Vale)

**Location** Nyssa and Vale

## Position Description

**Sponsor** City of Nyssa  
City of Vale

**Supervisor** Roberta Donovan,  
City Manager (City of Nyssa)  
Brent Barton, City Manager (City of Vale)



**Assignment** The RARE participant will work with the City of Nyssa and the City of Vale. It is expected the participant will spend 55% of the time with the City of Nyssa on three projects and 45% of the time with the City of Vale on two projects.

For the City of Nyssa, the RARE participant is expected to work on the following three projects:

- (1) Perform a technical update of the City's planning processes and procedures and increase City Planning capacity. The participant is expected to coordinate with City staff to update planning records, review development proposals, permitting, and ensure zoning code compliance. The participant will work to increase city planning capacity by modernizing city planning records and helping with any extra assistance needed. The participant will support staff for in reviewing development proposals, permitting, and ensuring zoning code compliance.
- (2) Develop a Vision/Economic Development Plan. The participant will work with the City Manager and the Planning Commission to prepare the City's Economic Development Plan, including analysis of the City's economic base and the identification of several key opportunities to expand and diversify the base. The participant then will prepare a strategic action plan to guide the implementation of the Economic Development Plan. The RARE participant will have a prominent role in the establishment and promotion of an economic development plan, researching information, presenting possible solutions, developing business incentives, interacting with City staff and the public, promoting approved plans, and actively working to attract new business.
- (3) Administer and development the City of Nyssa Park Plan. The RARE participant will take the lead role in gathering background information through various civic and cultural organizations, compiling this into a draft, obtaining grant funding to fund the Plan and following through to see the Plan developed. The participant will work with the Skate Park committee to develop a Skate Park, develop a feasibility study for a Sports Complex or other type of markets/events to bring people into the community.

# City of Nyssa/City of Vale

For the City of Vale, the RARE participant is expected to work on the following two projects:

- (1) Develop and revitalize the City of Value's Park Plan. The participant would be responsible for program administration and development of the City's Park Plan including the grant program and potential loan programs. The RARE participant will take the lead role in gathering background information through various civic and cultural organizations, compiling information into a draft, obtaining necessary grant funding to help fund the Vale Park's Plan and follow through to assure that the Plan is developed.
- (2) Perform a Feasibility Study for Economic Growth for Annexation. The City of Vale currently has several parcels of property within the Urban Growth Boundary that have indicated the desire to annex into the city limits. The participant will perform an analysis of the City's economic base and identify several key opportunities to expand and diversify the base. The City wants to make sure that these parcels would actually benefit the City and that by annexing such properties the City is growing in their desired direction. The participant would be responsible for researching information, presenting possible solutions for expansion, updating the community census, interacting with City staff and the public and promoting approved plans.

## RARE Participant



Jason McNeil

Jason was born and raised near Boston, Massachusetts and has spent the last decade in Portland, Oregon. Jason is a recent graduate from Portland State University's Community Development program, and worked with the City of Portland's Bureau of Development Services as a community service aide. Jason's previous experience includes customer service and journalism.

Jason works with the City of Nyssa and the City of Vale. For the City of Nyssa, Jason is working on three projects, including performing a technical update of the City's planning processes and procedures, developing a vision and economic development plan, and administering the City of Nyssa Park Plan.

For the technical update Jason works with city staff to increase city planning capacity by modernizing city planning records and helping with any extra assistance needed. Jason also supports staff for in reviewing development proposals, permitting, and ensuring zoning code compliance.

Jason is also working with the City Manager and the Planning Commission to prepare the City's Economic Development Plan, including analysis of the City's economic base and the identification of several key opportunities to expand and diversify the base. Jason will then prepare a strategic action plan to guide the implementation of the Economic Development Plan.

For the park plan, Jason is responsible for gathering background information through various civic and cultural organizations, compiling this into a draft, obtaining grant funding to fund the Plan and following through to see the Plan developed. Jason is also working with the Skate Park committee to develop a skate park, developing a feasibility study for a Sports Complex or other type of markets and events to bring people into the community.

## *City of Nyssa/City of Vale*

For the City of Vale, Jason is working on two projects. First, Jason is responsible for program administration and development of the City's Park Plan including the grant program and potential loan programs. Secondly, Jason is performing a feasibility study for economic growth for annexation. The City of Vale currently has several parcels of property within the Urban Growth Boundary that have indicated the desire to annex into the city limits. Jason is performing an analysis of the City's economic base to identify several key opportunities to expand and diversify the base. The City wants to make sure that these parcels would actually benefit the City and that by annexing such properties the City is growing in their desired direction.