

City of Adair Village

Community Profile

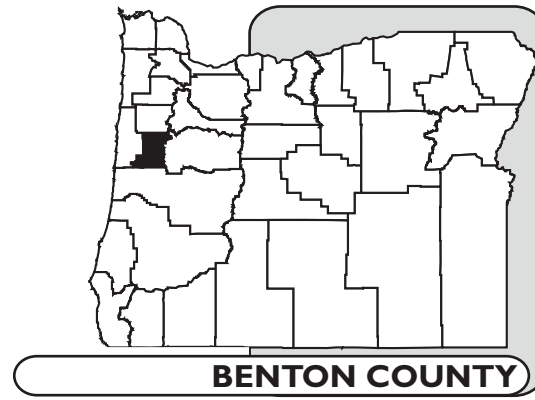
Population 930

Location Adair Village

Position Description

Sponsor City of Adair Village

Supervisor Drew Foster,
City Administrator



Assignment The first project the RARE participant will focus on is providing administrative support and oversight for a summer parks and meals program. This will include writing grants, recruiting volunteers, and further developing the program. Additionally, the participant will research and provide background information for the future development of a Parks plan for the city.

Secondly, the RARE participant will provide initial, local contact for general planning questions and work within the City. They also will undertake a variety of research and development projects concerning the next steps after the urban growth boundary expansion. This will include research and work on the city's annexation, infrastructure development, development of design standards, designing an updated processing system to handle new development requests, and other related projects as necessary. The participant will write grants related to general planning and the urban growth boundary as appropriate. The participant's research and work will provide a background of research for a Transportation plan.

Finally, the RARE participant will engage on work related to ongoing city development planning. With the growth expected to be generated after the completion of the UGB expansion, Adair Village needs to expand its planning for development of a downtown commercial area. In addition, the City owns 120 acres of industrial land north of the City limits and, which requires development planning.

The new RARE participant will build on the work started by the City's current RARE participant by coordinating a Visioning/Charette process to review the existing "Town Plan Study" and "Urban Strategy." The outcome of the Charette will be an updated timeline, initial budget, and marketing development process. There may also be work connected with the industrial site, but at this time, there is no specific project, though there are a number of individual tasks that need to be completed in reference to the industrial site. Finally the RARE participant will undertake a city-wide survey to ascertain support for a variety of City projects.

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RARE Participant



Ronald Mercer

Ron is a graduate from Eastern Michigan University with a degree in Urban and Regional Planning and a concentration in Geographic Information Systems. Since 2002, Ron has served in the Air National Guard as an aircraft armament specialist, and was deployed to Afghanistan in late 2007.

Ron works for the City of Adair Village, and his first project is providing administrative support and oversight for a summer parks and meals program. This includes writing grants, recruiting volunteers, and further developing the program.

Secondly, Ron is the initial, local contact for general planning questions and work within the City. Ron is responsible for a variety of research and development projects concerning the next steps after the urban growth boundary (UGB) expansion, including research and work on the city's annexation, infrastructure development, development of design standards, designing an updated processing system to handle new development requests, and other related projects.

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