

City of Lowell

Community Profile

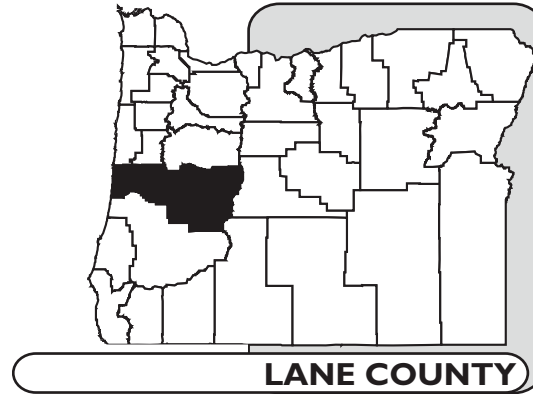
Population 995

Location Lowell

Position Description

Sponsor City of Lowell

Supervisor Chuck Spies,
City Administrator



Assignment The RARE participant in Lowell will work on five projects.

The first project the RARE participant will work on is the establishment of an Urban Renewal District and the implementation of an Urban Renewal Plan. The first steps in this project will require collaboration with a consultant to develop an urban renewal plan, including components of public outreach, staff coordination, and district budget development. The RARE participant will serve as city staff to manage, administer and coordinate the Urban Renewal District efforts.

The second focus of the RARE participant will be in the establishment of downtown commercial development and zoning standards. The RARE participant will coordinate the efforts to evaluate options and make recommendations. They will also coordinate meetings and work of the Downtown Development Committee, Planning Commission and other public review processes necessary.

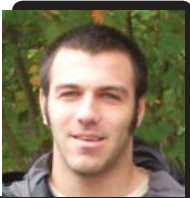
The third project for the RARE participant will be involved with is developing a City Marketing and Business Attraction Plan. The participant will provide City Staff with support to manage, administer and coordinate development of the plan. The participant will assist in completing all actions necessary to develop a plan to market the City of Lowell and attract business investment, primarily to provide essential small city commercial retail sales and service businesses needed for development of the City's commercial core and to create jobs.

The fourth project will be to coordinate efforts with St Vincent de Paul to complete and gain approval for a 20 lot subdivision. The plan will provide owner-occupied affordable housing within the City of Lowell. The participant will serve as the liaison between St Vincent de Paul and the City's Project Manager on the project. Part of the St Vincent de Paul Affordable Housing Project will be planning and constructing required public improvements needed to support the subdivision.

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The last project will be an Amphitheatre Development Project. The RARE participant will plan, gain site approval, design and complete grant funding application(s) for a planned amphitheatre at the City's Rolling Rock Park. The participant will serve as the Project Manager on the Amphitheatre Project.

RARE Participant



Stephen Amraen

Stephen originally hails from Illinois and graduated from the University of Oregon in 2008 with a Bachelor's degree in Planning, Public Policy and Management. Stephen's desire to assist rural and small communities are a result of his experiences in assisting with a community revitalization project for an earthquake-torn village in rural Greece, and as an intern for the City of Woodstock, Illinois. While at Woodstock, Stephen gained an appreciation for the importance of community involvement in the aftermath of a devastating flood.

Stephen is working for the City of Lowell on five projects related to the urban renewal district's efforts. First, Stephen is working on the Urban Renewal District and the implementation of an Urban Renewal Plan. The project requires collaboration with a consultant to develop an urban renewal plan, including components of public outreach, staff coordination, and district budget development.

Secondly, Stephen is working on the establishment of downtown commercial development and zoning standards through the coordination of the public review process with the Downtown Development Committee and the Planning Commission.

Stephen is also assisting in developing a City Marketing and Business Attraction Plan that will be used to market the City of Lowell and attract business investment. The plan will provide essential small city commercial retail sales and service businesses needed for development of the City's commercial core and to create jobs.

Stephen is working with St Vincent de Paul to complete and gain approval for a 20 lot subdivision that will provide owner-occupied affordable housing within the City of Lowell.

Finally, Stephen acts as the project manager on the Amphitheater Development Project, and is responsible for grant acquisition and site approval for an amphitheater at the city's Rolling Rock Park.