

City of Vernonia

Community Profile

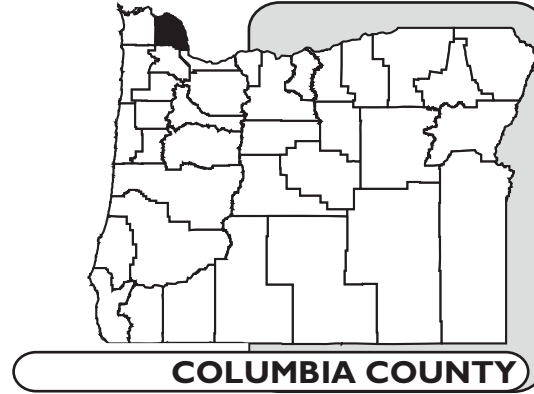
Population 2,365

Location Vernonia

Position Description

Sponsor City of Vernonia

Supervisor Jim Johnson,
Interim City Manager



Assignment The RARE participant in Vernonia will work on three projects, all in association with Vernonia’s Comprehensive Plan.

The first project is a review of the City of Vernonia’s Comprehensive Plan. The RARE participant will thoroughly review the existing Comprehensive Plan and ordinance and build a new project file.

The review will educate the participant and ready them for interacting with and educating the Planning Commission and the general public about Vernonia’s Comprehensive Plan, last revised in 1996.

The second project of the RARE participant will be to complete Phase 1 of amending the Comprehensive Plan. Specific tasks include: conducting an audit of the existing plans and policies, documenting existing conditions and prepare base maps.

The last project will be the completion of Phase 2 of amending the Comprehensive Plan. Specifically, the RARE participant will evaluate data by: analyzing trends, identifying key themes, meeting with the public and establishing a vision framework.

RARE Participant



Seth Lenaerts

Seth hails from the small town of Manitowoc, Wisconsin and is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point. Seth’s desire to assist rural communities was strengthened when he went to live in a small southwestern French community during high school, and furthermore when he moved to Kenya while in college. In Kenya, Seth worked to create a Sustainable Home Management Plan for a small village.

Seth is working for the City of Vernonia on updating the City’s Comprehensive Plan for the first time since 1996. The project consists of two phases. The first phase is amending the Comprehensive Plan, which includes conducting an audit of the existing plans and policies, documenting existing conditions and preparing base maps. The second phase requires Seth to evaluate data by analyzing trends, identifying key themes, meeting with the public and establishing a vision framework.