

Port of The Dalles

Community Profile

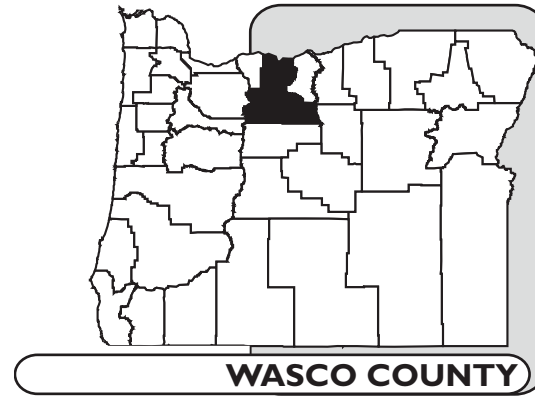
Population 13,045

Location The Dalles

Position Description

Sponsor Port of The Dalles

Supervisor Andrea Klass,
Executive Director



Assignment The RARE participant with the Port of The Dalles will work on five projects.

The first project is to update the current Strategic Plan. The Port of The Dalles most recent Strategic Plan was completed in 2006. Since that time, economic conditions have changed in The Dalles and the Port has sold its last parcel of industrial land. The Dalles needs to be able to take the best advantage of opportunities for the Region. As a second part, the State of Oregon has directed Ports to develop a State Wide Port Strategic plan. The Port of The Dalles plan will need to address any questions/goals that the State plan sets out. The RARE participant will update the plan by determining economic trends, reviewing state legislation and the current Strategic Plan and Port operations. As part of this process, it will be necessary to interview Port Commissioners and other stakeholders in the community to ensure the Port's goals align with the Community's goals.

The second project is Community Based Renewable Energy (CBRE). CBRE is an idea being tossed around as a way for community governments to participate in the renewable energy arena through public/private partnerships. The RARE participant will need to evaluate the cost/benefit to the Port and community of Community Based Renewables and assist in determining the Port's ability to participate. Part of this may include developing a list of potential projects and identifying the partners.

The third project is identifying renewal energy business prospects for the Port. The Dalles boasts 300 days of sunshine, fairly predictable winds and both large and small hydro projects. The Columbia Gorge Community College is developing their Renewable Energy Training program. The participant will determine the potential to attract renewable energy type businesses to The Dalles. The RARE participant will also need to evaluate the existing available land and zoning, infrastructure and transportation, etc. in Dufur and make a recommendation to the Port on the types of businesses that may make sense for that community.

The fourth project will be assisting the Port Director in recruiting business to The Dalles. Periodically, the Port needs to follow-up with businesses that have shown an interest in the area by researching and supplying the additional

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information needed. The participant will research answers and follow-up with the business on a timely basis. Accuracy, timeliness and confidentiality are very important.

The final project will be to determine redevelopment potential in The Dalles Industrial Lands. Ten years ago, it was projected that The Dalles had a 100-year supply of industrial land. That land was quickly consumed by several large businesses moving to the community, including Google. The RARE participant will use mapping work that the City of The Dalles has completed to evaluate potential areas that could be rezoned to industrial and also determine if there are underutilized parcels of industrial land that could be redeveloped.

RARE Member



Nora Donovan

Nora grew up in the small town of Placitas, New Mexico, and attended Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, where she obtained a dual degree in Economics and Political Science. Her studies ranged from rural and urban economic growth, Confucian capitalism, environmentalism, and the adverse affects of nuclear energy development. During college, Nora interned for a Portland, Oregon, city commissioner for two years, as well as volunteered with the West Linn Adult Community Center.

Nora is working with the Port of the Dalles on land use planning and economic development projects.

Nora's first project is to update the current Strategic Plan. The Port of The Dalles most recent Strategic Plan was completed in 2006. Since that time, economic conditions have changed in The Dalles and the Port has sold its last parcel of industrial land. Nora is updating the plan by determining economic trends, reviewing state legislation and the current Strategic Plan and Port operations and working with community stakeholders to ensure that the goals of the community are being met.

Nora is also working on a project to determine the feasibility of Community Based Renewable Energy (CBRE). CBRE is a way for community governments to participate in the renewable energy arena through public/private partnerships. Nora is performing a cost benefit analysis for the Port and assisting in determining the Port's ability to participate. Part of her analysis includes identifying renewable energy business prospects for the Port as well as traditional business recruitment.

Nora's final project is to determine redevelopment potential in The Dalles Industrial Lands. Ten years ago, it was projected that The Dalles had a 100-year supply of industrial land. That land was quickly consumed by several large businesses moving to the community, including Google. Nora is evaluating potential areas that could be rezoned to industrial and also determining if there are underutilized parcels of industrial land that can be redeveloped.