City of Sweet Home

Community Profile
County: Linn
City: Sweet Home
Population: 14,000

Description
Sponsor: City of Sweet Home
Supervisor: Craig Martin

Assignment
The City of Sweet Home was founded in 1851 and incorporated on February 10, 1893. It operates under the provisions of its own Charter and applicable state law. The City of Sweet Home operates under a council-manager form of government. The purpose of the City of Sweet Home is to provide community stability while planning for the future; to provide effective and efficient City services; to encourage community involvement; and, to be responsive to the community.

The RARE participant placed with the City of Sweet Home will help with a new effort to organize a community forest near Sweet Home for multiple social, economic, and ecological outcomes. The City of Sweet Home and a number of other entities, including: the Sweet Home Economic Development Group, US Forest Service, South Santiam Watershed Council, Linn County Parks and Recreation, etc. have been participating in an Oregon Solutions project to Develop a “South Santiam Community Forest Corridor”. The RARE Participant will directly provide much needed local community capacity to see the aforementioned effort through. Specifically, the RARE participant will assist by providing support in the implementation of all agreements made through the Oregon Solutions process.

Meet Laura Goodrich
Laura received her Bachelor of Science in Community Development and a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from Portland State University. After attaining her Masters Degree, Laura interned with Cogan Owens Cogan Planning Firm where she worked with the Department of Land Conservation and Development on an array of land use and natural resources planning projects. Laura plans to use her RARE experience to further hone and develop a skill set that will make her a better community developer and planner. Following her year with the RARE Program, Laura hopes to find work in the field of community development and planning, possibly in an international setting via Peace Corps.