Multnomah County Land Use and Transportation Planning Division

Community Profile

- **County**: Multnomah
- **City**: Sauvie Island (outside Portland)
- **Population**: 1,078

Assignment

- **Organization**: Multnomah County Land Use and Transportation Planning Division
- **Supervisor**: Rich Faith
- **RARE Member**: Rithy Khut

About Multnomah County Land Use and Transportation Planning Division

Multnomah County is the smallest county (465 sq miles) in the State of Oregon with the highest population (742,000). Within Multnomah County are six cities in 183 square miles of the county: Portland, Gresham, Troutdale, Fairview, Wood Village and Maywood Park. The remaining 282 square miles in the county is rural farm and forest land on both the east and west sides of the metropolitan area. Within this area, there are five unique rural planning areas: Sauvie Island/Multnomah Channel, West Hills, West of Sandy River, East of Sandy River and the National Scenic Area in the Columbia River Gorge. Multnomah County has approximately 4,000 employees, 200 of which work within the Department of Community Services.

In response to and building off the work from a previous RARE participant on the Sauvie Island/Multnomah Channel Rural Area Plan (RAP) update, the county proposed an update to the wider County Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Systems Plan (TSP). The Comprehensive Plan identifies land use and transportation planning goals, policies and strategies that protect natural resources and guides development primarily within the unincorporated rural areas of the county. Rithy Khut is placed with Multnomah County Land Use and Transportation Planning Division where he will work with a team of individuals to develop and conduct a transparent and inclusive public engagement process specific to the Comprehensive Plan and TSP update process; further define data needed to meet Goal 2 requirements of the Oregon Land Use Planning Goals; and, help with the overall preparation and compilation of the aforementioned planning documents.

Meet Rithy Khut

Rithy received his Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies with a minor in Political Science from the University of Oregon. After attaining his Bachelor's degree, Rithy continued his education at UO and earned a Master's in Community and Regional Planning. Rithy has worked for the University of Oregon Outdoor and Bike Program as both the Office Coordinator and the Business Operations Coordinator. Following his year with the RARE Program, Rithy hopes that his time with the RARE program will open up a wider range of employment opportunities for him as he narrows down his career preferences.