City of Jacksonville

Community Profile

County: Jackson
City: Jacksonville
Population: 2,800

Assignment

Organization: City of Jacksonville
Supervisor: Ian Foster
RARE Member: Alexis Amavisca

About the City of Jacksonville

Jacksonville is a city in Jackson County, Oregon, about 5 miles west of Medford. It was named for Jackson Creek, which runs through the community and was the site of one of the first placer gold claims in the area. It includes Jacksonville Historic District which was designated a U.S. National Historic Landmark in 1966. Currently, the city population is 2,800.

The Jacksonville Planning Department is working on a series of short and long-range planning projects that are intended to balance growth with historic preservation. One of these projects is the new proposed land development code. Alexis will assist with creating diagrams and formatting the proposed code, along with developing a comparison between the current code and the proposed code. Alexis will work on creating a Heritage Tree Program. This will include working with community groups to develop an inventory of locally significant trees, and a nomination process for property owners. Additionally, Alexis will research best practices used by other communities that have similar resource tree programs.

Meet Alexis Amavisca

- B.S. in Planning, Public Policy and Management, and General Social Science – University of Oregon
- People may be surprised to learn that I am a first generation college student. Not only am I first generation college student, but also I hold myself to the same standards as if I was not the first person in my family to go to college.
- My most significant accomplishment that I am proud of is not only getting into the University of Oregon but also being able to go to school there and graduate in four years with two degrees.