City of Veneta

Community Profile

- **County**: Lane
- **City**: Veneta
- **Population**: 4,690

Assignment

- **Organization**: City of Veneta
- **Supervisor**: Ric Ingham
- **RARE Member**: Marina Brassfield

About the City of Veneta

Veneta is a city in Lane County, Oregon. Veneta was established in 1912 by Edmund Eugene Hunter, who named the settlement after his five-year-old daughter. The city has been the site of the annual Oregon Country Fair, originally called the Renaissance Faire, since 1970. The city’s population is 4,560.

Marina will primarily work with city staff and the recently formed Economic Development Committee to complete projects. Outside of community groups, Marina will have the opportunity to work with both state and local economic development agencies such as the Lane County Economic Development Department, Business Oregon, and the Department of Land Conservation and Development.

Meet Marina Brassfield

- **B.A. in Environmental Studies and a Minor in Planning, Public Policy, and Management – University of Oregon**
- **I spent each summer of my childhood sailing in the Hawaiian Islands with my dad and my sister. When I was nine years old, we sailed across the Pacific Ocean to return the sailboat from Honolulu, Hawaii to Port Townsend, Washington.**
- **Before studying abroad in Italy, the experience seemed very attractive to me but unattainable. I worked tirelessly to apply for loans and additional scholarships, sold possessions I did not need, used savings from high school, and continued to save a little from each paycheck. Through my planning and efforts, I obtained enough for the program and travel costs.**