



## Curry Soil & Water Conservation District Oregon Food Bank

### Community Profile

County Curry

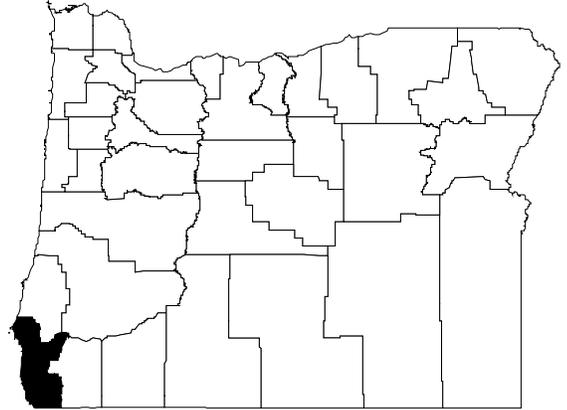
City Gold Beach

Population 22,295

### Description

Sponsor Curry Soil & Water  
Conservation District/Oregon Food Bank

Supervisor Cathy Boden



**Assignment** Curry Soil & Water Conservation District (Curry SWCD) is a special district designated by the State of Oregon - much like a port, library or school district. Conservation districts are charged with directing programs to protect local, renewable natural resources, and the Curry SWCD has a long and proud tradition of working with local farmers and ranchers to develop and implement innovative resource conservation projects. The District also serves as employer and designated fiscal agent for the South Coast and Lower Rogue Watershed Councils.

The RARE participant placed with Curry Soil & Water Conservation District will conduct a comprehensive inventory of regional food systems and resources in Curry County. The participant will examine local food self-sufficiency including local retail, livable wage farming, and local farmers markets. Additionally, the participant will work to form partnerships with the local farming and agricultural community as a means to increase involvement, and to increase the ability to produce and market locally grown products.

### Meet Carrie Courtney



Carrie received her Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science from Buena Vista University. As a student, Carrie studied abroad for a semester at Murdoch University in Perth, Australia. While in Australia, she interned with the Western Suburbs Regional Organization of Councils (WESROC). As an intern, Carrie created case studies in the areas of sustainability, including case studies focused on native vegetation, sustainable travel and photovoltaic cells. After attaining her Bachelors Degree, Carrie served with Port Orford Ocean Resource Team via the RARE Program. Following her second year with the RARE Program, Carrie hopes to find a long term job that suits her educational background and professional goals.