City of Gold Hill
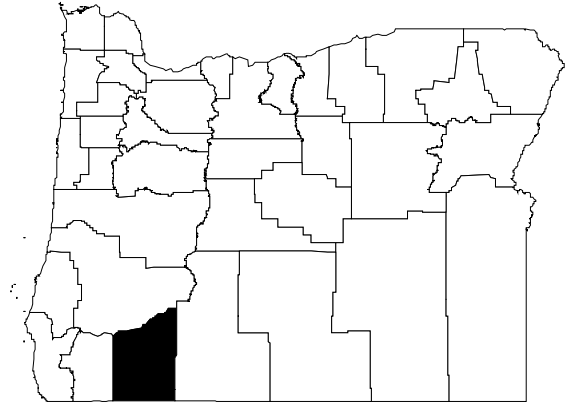
Community Profile

County Jackson

City Gold Hill

Population 1,128

Description

Sponsor City of Goldhill

Supervisor Rick Hohnbaum

Assignment The City of Gold Hill is located off the I-5 cooridor between Grants Pass and Medford. Gold Hill was founded in the early 1800's by miners looking to make it rich shortly after a large gold nugget was found in the area. The Rogue River that borders the City of Gold Hill is perceived by many as being the future economic engine for the community. The City owns over 100 acres of parks and a mix of natural areas. Increasing recreational and river access and use and local economic development are primary initiatives being taken on by the city. Currently, the City of Gold Hill has just over 1,100 residents and a City staff of 5.5 FTE.

The RARE participant placed with the City of Gold Hill will build upon a wide array of planning related projects. Using existing momentum, the RARE participant will spent the majority of their time administering and implementing a newly adopted Surface Water Management Plan. Additionally, the RARE participant will work with a local consultant on development of a Parks Master Plan with an extensive portion of the document being focused on water quality. Finally, the participant will update the city's website and release quarterly newsletters focused on water quality related issues.

Meet Nicolas Lennartz

Nicolas received a Bachelor of Science in Urban Planning and Environmental Policy with a Minor in Sustainable Design from Western Washington University. As a student, Nicolas participated in the Sustainable Ithaca Study in Greece where he analyzed and recommend policy routes for locally based sustainable development. During his year with RARE, Nicolas hopes to broaden his depth of experience while building a relevant skill set that will make help him succeed throughout his career. Following his year with the RARE Program, Nicolas plans to study urban planning at the graduate level.