



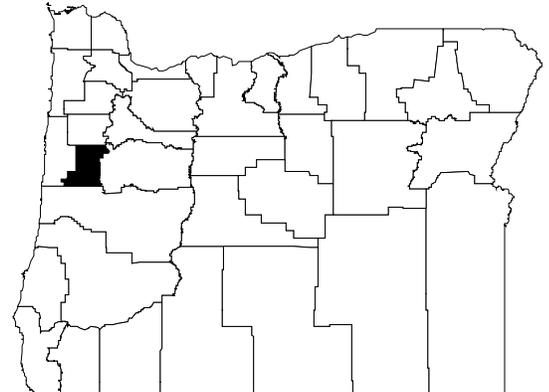
## Greenbelt Land Trust

### Community Profile

**County** Benton  
**City** Corvallis  
**Population** 54,462

### Description

**Sponsor** Greenbelt Land Trust  
<http://www.greenbeltlandtrust.org>  
**Supervisor** Michael Pope, Executive Director



**Assignment** Greenbelt Land Trust formed as a non-profit in 1989 to protect and restore native habitats, working landscapes, and community open spaces throughout the mid-Willamette Valley. Greenbelt Land Trust coordinates ongoing land protection and restoration projects that currently span three counties (Benton, Linn, and Polk). Lands protected by Greenbelt Land Trust include over 1,600 acres of family farms, endangered native habitats, riparian corridors, and iconic trail and viewshed properties.

The RARE participant placed with Greenbelt Land Trust will help build the capacity of the organization by strengthening their volunteer programs, increasing organizational web-presence and assisting in the development of a regional conservation plan. Specifically, the participant will work with staff to design a sustainable volunteer program; conduct a number of Invasive Weed Assessments on Land Trust properties; and, coordinate the compilation of a publicly-accessible trails database/website. Additionally, the participant will serve as a project assistant, helping to coordinate and implement regional stakeholder and community gatherings, charrettes and strategic planning sessions for the update of the Greenbelt Land Trust's 2008 Conservation Plan.

### Meet Elizabeth Records



Elizabeth Records received a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources and a Certificate in GIS from Oregon State University. As a student, Elizabeth worked for the Farmscaping for Beneficials project at Oregon State University's Horticulture department, where she helped research the efficacy of increasing habitat for predator insects as biological pest control on farms. After attaining her Bachelors Degree, Elizabeth applied to the RARE Program in hopes of helping community members find and implement long-term solutions that are ecologically sustainable. Following her year with the RARE Program, Elizabeth hopes to find work that results in a measurable increase in local food system resilience and ecological sustainability.