### **RARE: Resource Assistance for Rural Environments**



# **Greater Bandon Association**

## **Community Profile**

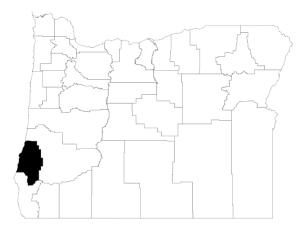
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City Bandon

Population 5,500

### Assignment

Organization Greater Bandon Association Supervisor Harv Schubothe RARE Member Dana Nichols



#### About the Greater Bandon Association

The Greater Bandon Association is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization with whose mission is to vitalize Bandon's local economy by building upon its history and unique assets. It is an organization of dedicated community volunteers that use the Main Street approach to achieve their mission. The City of Bandon's Planning Department is joining in sponsoring this position.

Dana will be working with the Main Street Program on the revitalization of downtown Bandon with a focus on preserving its assets and culture. This work includes managing programs such as façade improvement loans and volunteer of the month, helping run festivals and events, and coordinating grant applications for making Bandon bicycle friendly and for structural improvements to the Masonic Lodge. Dana will also be conducting research for the City of Bandon that works in concert with the economic and community minded work that the Main Street organization is focused on. Her research includes a downtown parking analysis, a gorse eradication and workforce housing project, and reports based on issues prioritized by the City Council.

#### Meet Dana Nichols

- B.S. in Geoscience Montclair State University
- M.S. of Community and Regional Planning University of Oregon
- People may be surprised when they learn that I spent part of my AmeriCorps NCCC year doing taxes for low-income families in Reno, Nevada.

• My most significant life accomplishment has been helping to form a chapter of the Lindsey Meyer Teen Institute, a leadership organization focused on drug and alcohol abuse prevention, in my high school. While in college, I became the advisor for the group and have never been more proud of myself than when I was presented with the Advisor of the Year award only two years after I stepped into the role.



