



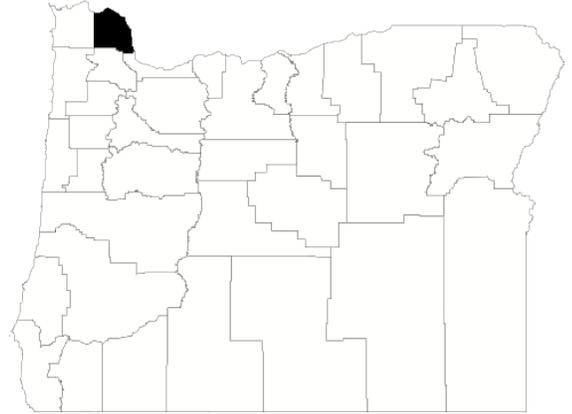
City of Scappoose

Community Profile

County Columbia
 City Scappoose
 Population 6,700

Assignment

Organization City of Scappoose
 Supervisor Laurie Oliver
 RARE Member Ben Tolles



About the City of Scappoose

The city of Scappoose is a small, but growing community (6,700 population) located 25 miles north of Portland. The city has 32 employees and provides a variety of municipal services to its residents. The city is a lean organization and many departments have their hands full just addressing daily activities because the city is growing at a rapid pace due to new land annexations and a recovering economy. Ben is helping cover the gaps, and expand the city’s capacity to serve the community.

Ben has been invaluable in assisting with getting Scappoose’s Comprehensive Plan into a format that can be placed online, including assessing which sections of the Comprehensive Plan need to be updated, and identifying possible solutions for funding to update the plan. In addition to the Comp Plan, Ben has assisted finishing the city’s park master plan that was started by last year’s RARE participant. The growth in Scappoose has also led to an increased need to address Downtown Revitalization and Hwy 30 Beautification, both of which are sub committees to Scappoose’s newly created Economic Development Committee. Ben has been serving as a City staff member to these subcommittees. Lastly, Ben has been planning the Annual Town Meeting that happens every year in the winter.

Meet Ben Tolles



- Bachelors in Environmental Science – Ithaca College
- People may be surprised when they learn that I am on the Ithaca College Ballroom Dance team! Most people aren’t aware that ballroom dance is a competitive sport and neither did I until I met a girl on the team who invited me to join.
- My most significant accomplishment: Backpacking around the world when I was only 19!