City of Adair Village

Community Profile

Population 930
Location Adair Village

Position Description

Sponsor City of Adair Village
Supervisor Drew Foster,
City Administrator

Assignment The City of Adair Village recently experienced significant growth in its
population. The city is increasing its staff in order to better serve the city’s
residential population. The RARE participant is working closely with the city
administrator and taking the lead on a number of planning projects. The RARE
participant is responsible for coordinating the Planning Commission, including
staffing meetings, preparing documents, and interfacing with the public. The
participant is also reviewing existing city planning documents and making
recommendations for updates and consideration of new policy.

Additionally, the RARE participant is working on fostering economic
development by organizing a community forum and a downtown design/charrette
process. The participant is responsible for developing materials, assembling
background information, planning, and facilitating the events.

RARE Participant

Ronald Mercer is entering his second year with the RARE program and the City
of Adair Village. Ron graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a BS in
Urban and Regional Planning with a focus on Geographic Information Systems.
Prior to joining the RARE program, Ron served in the Air National Guard as an
aircraft armament specialist. He was deployed to Afghanistan in late 2007. Upon
completing the program, Ron plans to pursue a Master’s in Urban Planning.