City of Jacksonville

Community Profile

Population 2,665
Location Jacksonville

Position Description

Sponsor City of Jacksonville
Supervisor Paul Wyntergreen, City Administrator

Assignment The RARE participant is working on three projects intended to increase the City of Jacksonville's ability to protect and appreciate the archaeological significance of the community. The first project is to establish the Backyard Archaeology Stewardship Program, which will provide step-by-step directions on actions for land and building owners to take before and during excavation and construction projects. Using historical survey records, photographs, socioeconomic data, and sampling the RARE participant is identifying potential areas of archaeological significance. The participant is responsible for prioritizing the sites based on their historic association, probability of an archaeological record, and potential for future development.

The RARE participant’s second focus is the Community Heritage Education Project, which creates educational programs on topics such as restoring wooden sash windows, retrofitting windows for energy efficiency, historic period paint colors, brickwork re-pointing, conserving historic building elements, and seismic retrofitting. This project engages the Historical Architectural Review Commissioners, historic property owners, and contractors.

Finally, in honor the City of Jacksonville’s 150th birthday on October 19, 2010, the Jacksonville Historical Society wishes to publish a series of historical spotlights from each of the past fifteen decades. The RARE participant is working with the historical society on a project to capture the feel of life during each decade: from prevailing cultural mores and fashions, to the day-to-day concerns, to larger socioeconomic issues.

RARE Participant

Aaron Reyna is entering his second year with the RARE program. Aaron grew up in Oregon and graduated from the University of Oregon with a BA in Geography. As a student, he was co-director of the Native American Student Union as well as an assistant at the Office of Multicultural Academic Support and the Office of Indigenous Cultural Survival. Aaron served in the Northwest Youth Corps assisting with trail maintenance and invasive species removal.