Cities of Scio and Mill City

Community Profile

Population 790 (Scio)  
1,660 (Mill City)  

Location Scio and Mill City  

Position Description

Sponsor Cities of Scio and Mill City  

Supervisor Stacie Cook, Acting City Recorder (Mill City)  

Assignment The City of Scio and the City of Mill City are sharing a RARE participant this year to assist with community development and planning projects in these two small Linn County communities. The City of Scio is the primary host, but projects will occur in both cities. The RARE participant is updating the comprehensive plan and wetland inventory for each city.

Additionally, the local governments have placed a priority on economic analysis with a focus on future business opportunities in downtown Scio and the Highway 22 corridor in Mill City. The participant is working with a planning consultant to review suggested policies, facilitate community meetings, and draft comprehensive plan amendments and policies which are going to be evaluated by the local planning commissions and city council in each city.

In Mill City, the RARE participant is working to develop a parks master plan that will guide development of the city’s public parks, trails, and open spaces for the next twenty years. Specifically, the participant is developing surveys to administer to residents, organizing community meetings, and coordinating the citizen review of each of the individual park plan.

RARE Participant

Ryan Taylor graduated from the University of California- San Diego where he earned a BS in Urban Studies and Planning. He continued his studies and earned a Master’s degree in Urban Planning from the University of California-Los Angeles. As a graduate student, he focused on regional and international development. Ryan spent time abroad in six different countries volunteering for Habitat for Humanity and Water for People’s World Water Corps. Following his year of service, Ryan is interested in becoming a city administrator.