City of Brookings

Community Profile

Population 5,447
Location Brookings

Position Description

Sponsor City of Brookings
Supervisor Gary Milliman
City Manager

Assignment Coast, Parks, and Recreation Planning. The City of Brookings is a municipal government with 52 employees, serving a population of 6,450. The City functions under the Council-Manager form of government with four City Councilors and a Mayor elected by the citizens. The parks planning and maintenance has traditionally been managed by the Public Works Department which is a function of the City Manager’s office.

The RARE participant placed with the City of Brookings is working on parks planning. Specifically, he is reconfiguring a local athletic park, improving access to coastal recreation areas, restoring damaged trail areas, and finalizing the local Parks Master Plan update. This project is an opportunity for a RARE participant to develop his or her ability to successfully manage volunteers, coordinate multiple stakeholders, and maximize local resources.

RARE Participant

Cody Erhart, the son of a retired Navy officer, has called many places home including the East Coast, the Pacific Northwest, Appalachia, the Great Plains, the Northern Rockies, and Western Europe. Over the years, each location has provided boundless opportunities, challenges, and adventures. Cody graduated from the University of Idaho with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture and completed several graduate courses at the University of Copenhagen located in Denmark. Prior to joining RARE, Cody worked as a marketing designer for a landscape architecture firm and as a staff member for Friends of Trees, both of which are located in Portland, Oregon.