

# Ten Rivers Food Web - Linn

## Community Profile

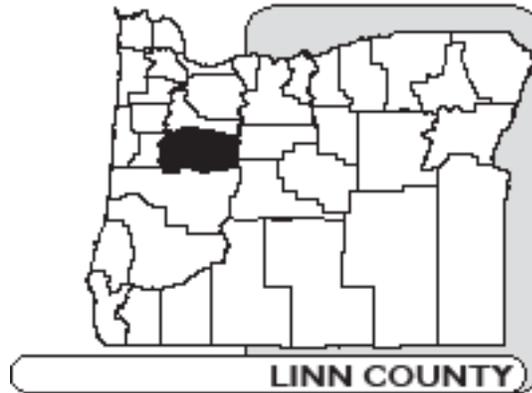
**Population** 103,069

**Location** Tangent

## Position Description

**Sponsor** Ten Rivers Food Web

**Supervisor** Joan Gross  
Board President



**Assignment** **Food Systems.** Ten Rivers Food Web (TRFW) is a non-profit corporation based in Corvallis, Oregon. It is governed by a Board of Directors with representatives from the three counties that are home to the ten rivers – Linn, Benton, and Lincoln counties. The term “food web” is used to index the multiple networks that exist between producers, processors, and consumers of food. TRFW aims to connect social relations to food through education of the local population. Additionally, TRFW works on projects to increase the amount of food grown, processed, and distributed locally.

The RARE participant placed at Ten Rivers Food Web working in Linn County is conducting a comprehensive inventory and capacity assessment of the county regional food system. The participant is assessing local capacity to build an economically and environmentally sound regional food system with the goal of improving community health and vitality. Additionally, the RARE participant is planning and executing a community food systems summit which will bring together community stakeholders to address the root causes of local hunger. This position is an opportunity for a RARE participant to use community assessment models, engage multiple community stakeholders, and understand the role poverty plays in shaping healthy lifestyles.

## RARE Participant



Spencer Masterson

**Spencer Masterson** grew up in Gurnee, Illinois. He graduated from the University of Illinois – Urbana/Champaign with a BS in Agricultural and Consumer Economics. As a student, Spencer spent a semester in Thailand studying community outreach while living in a rural community which profoundly impacted his personal and professional goals. Following graduation, he volunteered at number of sustainably oriented NGOs in both Chile and Brazil; most recently working as the sustainability auditor of local farms supplying fruits and vegetables to an exporting company located in central Chile.