Community Profile

Population 8,270
Location Florence

Position Description

Sponsor City of Florence
Supervisor Robert Willoughby, City Manager

Assignment The RARE participant’s main focus will be to complete a Hazard Mitigation Plan for Florence along with working on the creation of a Master Parks Plan. Additionally, the RARE participant will take the management lead on the development of the Siuslaw Bridge Interpretative Center, and work on grant development for the 12th Street Pathway and the proposed Senior Center.

Required Skills The ideal participant will need strong communication skills and should be willing to work with a wide range of people. The participant should be comfortable conducting research, documenting process, developing and writing grants, and working with volunteers. Finally, a background in city planning would be very useful.

RARE Participant

Greg Butler is a graduate of the College of Charleston in South Carolina with a bachelor’s degree in Urban Planning & Public Administration. Before RARE, Greg worked as a city planner for a community in the Houston area. This job led him to the realization that he needed two things in his life: natural beauty and a master’s degree. Serving in RARE and living in Florence for the next year will take care of the first and put him well on the path towards the second. When not working, Greg enjoys kayaking and being an outdoor enthusiast.