Lincoln County Department of Planning and Development

Community Profile

Population 46,000 (Lincoln County)
Location Newport

Position Description

Sponsor Lincoln County Planning Department and Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience
Supervisor Matt Spangler, Planning Director

Assignment This is one of three RARE positions focused on natural hazard mitigation. The participant will be responsible for spearheading the creation and adoption of a county-wide natural hazard mitigation plan. Towards this end, the participant will focus on several projects, including: convening a local Steering Committee; conducting community outreach through meetings; stakeholder interviews and focus groups; identifying and documenting relevant natural hazards; developing plan goals and action steps; and finally presenting the final plan for adoption.

Required Skills The RARE participant should have strong communication and organizational skills. S/he should be comfortable working as part of a team, should have strong customer service skills, but should also be able to work well independently and with little direction. The participant will need basic computer skills and the ability to think and write clearly. Finally, experience in database management, research and data analysis skills, and experience in meeting facilitation would be helpful.

RARE Participant

David Farr grew up in Seattle, WA. He attended Willamette University in Salem, OR, and graduated in 2007 with a bachelor’s degree in Environmental Science. In his final year at Willamette, he took part in internships relating to land use analysis and environmental policy issues with a variety of organizations: 1000 Friends of Oregon, the Oregon State Legislature, and the Department of Land Conservation and Development. After his year in the RARE program, David plans on continuing his career in planning.