City of Warrenton

Community Profile

Population 4,320
Location Warrenton

Position Description

Sponsor City of Warrenton
Supervisor Preston Polesek, City Administrator

Assignment The RARE participant will serve as the City’s Trails Coordinator. Specific activities of the RARE participant will include applying for grants, working toward sponsorships, developing design standards, identifying historic and natural features along the trail, developing signage, public facilities, and sighting the area for trail development. There are multiple opportunities to work with regional entities and the public to encourage support and enhance connections to create a larger system of trails.

Required Skills The RARE participant should have strong communication skills, grant writing ability, and have good outreach and volunteer management skills. The RARE participant should have the ability to work with limited supervision. Additionally, strong organizational skills, project management, and group facilitation skills will be necessary. Knowledge of environmental issues related to planning and development will be a plus.

RARE Participant

Sarah Shewell was born and raised in the coastal community of North Bend, OR. She studied resource management and applied ecology at Oregon State University, and graduated summa cum laude with a bachelors degree in environmental science. After college, Sarah furthered her education and training in the environmental field by working for the Student Conservation Association and the New Mexico Public Interest Research Group. Most recently Sarah has been living and working in Juneau, AK, as a Naturalist. Through the RARE program, she has returned to Oregon to explore new environmental career opportunities and make a difference in a rural coastal community. After her year with RARE, Sarah plans to focus on graduate work in watershed management, environmental planning, and sustainable development.