## **SENIOR LONG-RANGE PLANNER**



### **POSITION SUMMARY**

This is a rare opportunity for a talented planner to use their experience and leadership to help shape the future of Lewis County.

This position is with the Lewis County Department of Community Development and is a non-represented role.

The Department's mission is to ensure growth and development occurs in a manner that protects public health, safety, and welfare; supports community prosperity; sustains natural resources; and preserves the quality of life enjoyed by residents and visitors of Lewis County, Washington. We achieve this mission through a variety of duties, including processing development permits, conducting building inspections, and planning for the county's future.

The Senior Long-Range Planner leads updates to the county's Comprehensive Plan, Shoreline Management Program, Critical Areas Ordinance and other land-use policies and regulations to ensure compliance with state statutes including the Growth Management Act. To do this, they work closely with local and state agencies and organizations and actively engage with the community on a variety of planning issues.

### **Education & Experience**

- Bachelor's Degree in urban/regional planning or related field
- Three (3) years' experience in long-range planning or equivalent
- Knowledge of Washington's Growth Management Act and Shoreline Management Act
- Experience working with elected officials and appointed committees
- Knowledge of public engagement principles and professional facilitation methods
- Valid driver's license









Established in 1845 by the Oregon Territory Provisional Legislature, Lewis County was named for Meriwether Lewis of the Lewis and Clark expedition. The County is 2,408 square miles in size and has an estimated population of over 85,000. Located in Southwest Washington - halfway between Seattle and Portland, Oregon - Lewis County is brimming with relaxing excursions and world-class outdoor adventures. Mount Rainier, Mount St. Helens and Mount Adams provide opportunities to hike, bike and ski. At the same time, Olympia, with a diversity of shops, food and culture, is only 20 minutes north on Interstate 5. Lewis County offers the right candidate a beautiful place to live.

Residents of Lewis County have quick and easy access to many cultural activities, fairs, concerts, entertainment options, and a wide assortment of annual events. The Southwest Washington Fair is held in Lewis County every August over a six-day period, attracting more than 90,000 visitors each year. For devoted golfers, Lewis County has three public golf courses: 27 holes at Newaukum Valley Golf Course, 18 holes at the Riverside Country Club, both located in Chehalis; and nine holes at the Maple Grove Golf Course in Randle.



In Lewis County you will find a quality school system of 13 public school districts and three private schools. Centralia College, noted as the "center of excellence for energy," is located in the center of the City of Centralia with an enrollment of approximately 10,444. The college offers associate's and bachelor's degree programs.

First review of applications will take place July 1, 2025.

#### **HOW TO APPLY:**

- Applicants must email their Resume and Cover Letter to HR@lewiscountywa.gov to be considered for this position.
- A complete job description and benefit information can be found at jobs.lewiscountywa.gov.
- First review of applications will take place July 1, 2025. Interested parties should submit their materials prior to that date.

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