

Sabrina Straus
Rural Development Specialist – Environmental

Portland, Oregon

Skills

- Environmental compliance and enforcement
- Process improvement
- Data collection, management, and statistical analysis
- Microsoft suite, IBM SPSS, ESRI ArcGIS
- Community outreach, training, and education
- Stakeholder relations
- Volunteer coordination

Experience

Sabrina started as a Rural Development Specialist (RDS) with RCAC in September 2022. She provides technical, managerial, and financial assistance to small, disadvantaged community water and wastewater systems in Oregon and Washington so that they can operate sustainably and deliver quality services to the communities served. Sabrina works closely with rural residents and local leaders to assist them in the development and management of water, wastewater, or solid waste systems.

Prior to working as an RDS, Sabrina worked for the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection as an Environmental Specialist in the air compliance and enforcement program. In this position, she responded to community concerns and ensured that the regulated community followed and understood environmental regulations related to air quality. Her internships with Escambia County Marine Resource Division and Keep Pensacola Beautiful also prepared her for her role as an RDS. During these internships, she collected water samples, quantified microplastics in local water bodies and educated the community on local environmental issues.

Education

Master of Science, Environmental Science - University of West Florida, Pensacola, Florida,
Bachelor of Science, Environmental Studies - University of West Florida, Pensacola, Florida

Certifications

Qualified Stormwater Management Inspector - Florida Stormwater, Erosion, and Sedimentation
Control Inspector #4861