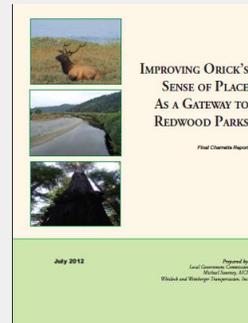




Improving Sense of Place and Gateway for the Town of Orick

County of Humboldt

Environmental Justice
FY10-11 Grant Cycle
District 1
Grant Award Amount: \$62,795



Project Summary:

A four-day community workshop engaged the community of Orick in identifying themes, elements, and treatments that will improve the overall "sense of place" and strengthen Orick's role as a gateway community to Redwood National Park. A conceptual plan was created that documented the process, described the concepts, and provided the basis for future funding for engineering design and implementation.

Community Outreach

- With the guidance of a Community Advisory Committee, the Local Government Commission organized a public process to provide input. This process included a four-day series of focus group meetings, presentations, a walking audit, and hands-on planning exercises.
- Those involved included residents, business-owners, youth, community organizations, and local, state, and federal agencies.
- Three focus group meetings were held in advance of the public meetings.

Environmental Justice Community Outreach:

- Members of the design team and the Orick Community Services District met with community service providers, downtown business and property owners, and youth/youth services to hear a variety of viewpoints and interests.

Project Outcome

- The project received a high level of participation to improve a plan for multi-modal transportation infrastructure in Orick.
- The final product was a comprehensive representation of the community ideas expressed during the charrette event.
- The context sensitive Main Streets designs were identified and vetted with local government.

Successes & Next Steps

- The community of Orick plans to work on "community projects" as identified in the final report.
- Potential future funding resources have been identified and the town of Orick, as well as the County of Humboldt plan to use them to implement the design ideas regarding multi-modal transportation infrastructure.
- Caltrans District 1 is preparing a Project Study Report based on the findings and recommendations identified in the final report. Implementation of these projects on the State Highway will depend on future funding opportunities.