

NSVMAC Community Improvement Projects Ad Hoc Committee

Purpose

To help the community plan, permit and fund community improvement projects, including signs, public art, beautification, and other publicly accessible amenities within the NSVMAC area (Glen Ellen and Kenwood).

Community Project Master Plan Process Proposal

Goals and Objectives

1. Meet with community leaders and service organizations to identify potential community improvement projects:
 - Glen Ellen Forum
 - Kenwood/GE Rotary
 - NSVMAC
 - Glen Ellen Historical Society
 - Dunbar and Kenwood school Parent/Teacher organizations
 - Local churches
 - Local planners/mapmaker
2. Facilitate a process to gather project ideas and prioritize projects based on community benefit, public support, and feasibility.
3. Develop a community project master plan based on the results of the community project process in the following categories:
 - Signs
 - Art
 - Beautification
 - Amenities (benches, bike racks, clocks, etc.)

Planning Process

Planning Team development

- Conduct outreach to community organizations and local planning professionals
- Organize a core planning team of organizational representatives and qualified community members.
- Develop and agree on planning goals, objectives and process.

Process guidelines

- Establish guidelines for soliciting project ideas:
 - Survey,
 - Idea board,
 - Community map design process, etc.
- Develop parameters for ranking projects, considering:
 - Benefit to community

- Accessibility
- Land ownership (public or private)
- Site use compatibility
- Public right of way approval
- Community support
- Project maintenance

Community Engagement

- Conduct outreach to community members.
- Solicit project ideas by agreed upon process.
- Present draft plan and map to public.

Plan Development

- Aggregate project ideas, rank and select projects for inclusion in plan.
- Develop draft narrative plan describing planning and project selection process.
- Develop community map(s) of proposed project sites.
- Seek County and other local agency input on draft plan and map.
- Amend and finalize plan based on input.
- Post the plan/ publicly announce of the results of the planning process.
- Present final plan and map to NSVMAC, partner organizations, and the public.

Plan Implementation

- Projects identified in the Master Plan to be implemented by local community service groups, community volunteers, hired contractors, or County agencies, as appropriate.
- NSVMAC Community Improvement Projects ad hoc to provide ongoing support to community groups to implement Master Plan projects, as needed:
 - Develop plans/proposals for review and approval by landowner or County, as needed.
 - Facilitate meetings with landowners, County Agencies, etc.
 - Solicit County funding for projects.