

Dear Friends,

Over the next five years, Boonville will see some really big changes with tens of millions of dollars in new infrastructure projects reshaping the Highway 128 corridor through town. Pending drinking water and sewer projects make it possible for AT&T and PG&E to move their lines underground, and the Caltrans Clean California Act covers ADA sidewalks as well as parking/stripping/repaving improvements. We can either sit back and let bureaucracies shape our community, or we take this rare opportunity to make our own creative contributions. Ultimately, we want to ensure that the above projects are implemented in harmony with a cohesive, well-considered vision that reflects the spirit and character of our distinctive town.

We're calling this effort BoontWorks. We've gathered a local creative team (listed below) and engaged Ned Forrest, architect and partner of a respected Sonoma firm. Ned has graciously offered to help create a general plan that combines community input and professional oversight to inform these projects. Ned has a vested longtime interest in Anderson Valley and has helped us pro bono so far, but to create a document that Caltrans will consider—and also to work towards a much needed "general plan"—we need to raise \$25,000 to \$50,000 over the next six months. The Caltrans issue is urgent as the time window for submitting our creative input for their consideration will close soon.

One dynamic possibility that can only happen with community involvement includes using permeable surfaces and landscaping rather than the usual concrete pavement, which not only exacerbates heat issues on hot summer days, but also generates runoff into our streams. The current Caltrans plan imposes an unnecessarily wide thoroughfare that encourages speeding, whereas keeping the road a comfortable width and incorporating slowing measures will keep traffic moving but moderated. Design aspects like these will result in a roadway that protects small businesses, maintains our sense of community, and helps keep people both safe and happy.

Our initial team has partnered with the Community Foundation of Mendocino County seeking tax deductible donations ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 and beyond. Those contributing \$1,000 or more will be invited to a private dinner to meet Ned Forrest and the rest of the BoontWorks team at the Boonville Hotel. Other than Ned, all of us are donating our time and services.

The natural landscape of Anderson Valley is exceptionally beautiful, and with this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, we can make Boonville's public infrastructure beautiful as well. BoontWorks can help make our corner of Mendocino County something we can be proud of, leaving a lasting legacy for our children and theirs.

Please reach out via email or phone to learn more and to get involved. The CalTrans Boonville re-paving project would truly benefit from your help and input.

With Gratitude,

The BoontWorks team  
BoontWorks.org

• Potential Design Proposals •



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