

Community Focus Statement C: Preserve the historic treasures within the community for future generations.

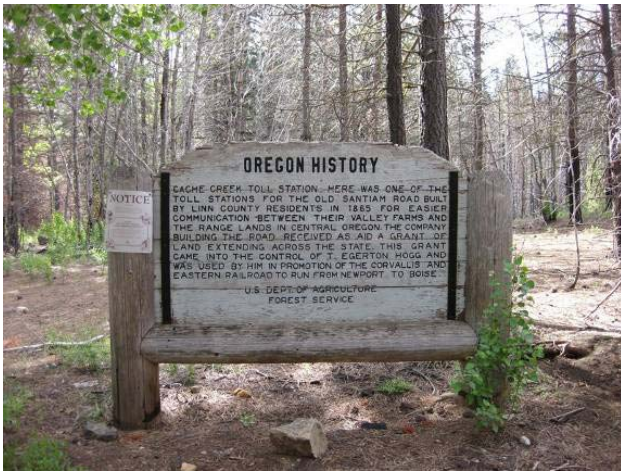
Action Statement C.2: Construct community monuments along historic trails and within the community that can be sponsored by businesses and individuals.

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Benchmark: Construction of at least two monuments or educational plaques and creation of a self-guided tour of significant locations.

Champion: Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

Estimated Cost: \$20,000–\$200,000



USFS interpretive sign on the Santiam Wagon Road in Deschutes National Forest, Oregon, United States. This segment lies within Deschutes County. Photo source: Breton Friel and John

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Local partnerships are needed to design and fund the development of wayfinding signage and monuments. In conjunction with local high schools, a design contest could be coordinated to develop a design for signage; refer to Action Statement C.3 for more details on this concept. Once a design is selected, a design team would further refine the plan and materials.

Wayfinding refers to information systems that guide people through a physical environment and enhance their understanding and experience of the space. Wayfinding signage and monuments can provide directions and other pertinent information on trails and roads while celebrating community history and character. After Phelan Piñon Hills identifies historic assets in the community (refer to Action Statement C.1), the community can create monuments or trailhead markers along historic trails or at historic locations in Phelan Piñon Hills.

The Historic Preservation Committee should continue to coordinate with the County Museum to design and place historic markers on buildings and locations.

Formation of a local historic trails group in Phelan Piñon Hills is vital to coordinating the identification of existing horse and pedestrian trails as well as the design, development, and installation of signage and wayfinding. The community should continue to coordinate with the San Bernardino County Department of Regional Parks and the San Bernardino County Trails and Greenways Committee to develop a wayfinding and signage program with a historic focus for the Phelan Piñon Hills community.

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Ensure that the Phelan Piñon Hills historic preservation committee (see Action Plan C.1), has drafted an action plan for establishing historic monuments in the community, along with a wayfinding program for cultural/historical landmarks and trails.	Community, with assistance from San Bernardino County Trails and Greenways Committee and guidance from County Museum and County Public Works	Months 1 – 6	<p>San Bernardino County Public Works http://cms.sbcounty.gov/dpw/home.aspx</p> <p>San Bernardino County Regional Parks http://cms.sbcounty.gov/parks/Home.aspx</p> <p>County Museum http://www.sbcounty.gov/museum/</p> <p>Corporate sponsorship guidance http://mrsc.org/Home/Explore-Topics/Parks-and-Recreation/Parks-and-Recreation-Funding/Corporate-Sponsorship-and-Naming-Policies.aspx</p>
2. Reach out to local businesses, schools, and organizations about donating or sponsoring the materials and/or cost of monuments and signage (e.g., adopt-a-bench program). Host fundraisers to raise money.	Historic preservation committee, with support from community, local businesses and organizations	Months 6 – 12	<p>Federal grant funding resources http://reconnectingamerica.org/resource-center/federal-grant-opportunities/</p> <p>California and other grant/sponsorship resources http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1073 https://www.cacities.org/Resources/Documents/Member-Engagement/Professional-Departments/Community-Services/Overview-of-Historic-Preservation-Resources.aspx http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=22174</p>
3. Apply for grant funding for the creation and installation of historic monuments and wayfinding signage.	Historic preservation committee	Months 6 – 12	<p>Grant and funding sources for historic preservation http://www.preservationdirectory.com/PreservationGeneralResources/GrantsFundingSources.aspx</p>
4. Begin construction and installation of community monuments and wayfinding signage to identify cultural and historical assets.	County Public Works (permits), Historic Preservation Committee, Community businesses and residents	Month 12– On-going	<p>How to create a local historical society http://www.mhs.mb.ca/info/howto/historygroup.shtml</p> <p>How to apply for grants from the National Trust for Preservation Fund https://savingplaces.org/stories/find-funding-how-to-apply-for-grants-from-the-national-trust-preservation-fund#.WBzaMS0rJHc</p>
5. Create an online map and/or self-guided tour of historic/community assets. Print educational brochures and other materials to promote awareness of historic landmarks and trails.	Historic Preservation Committee	Months 12 – 24	<p>Build self-guided tours for mobile users https://pocketsights.com/</p> <p>Community wayfinding resources https://cedik.ca.uky.edu/community-wayfinding-resources</p>
6. Share local historic information with schools and at local events	Historic Preservation Committee	On-going	