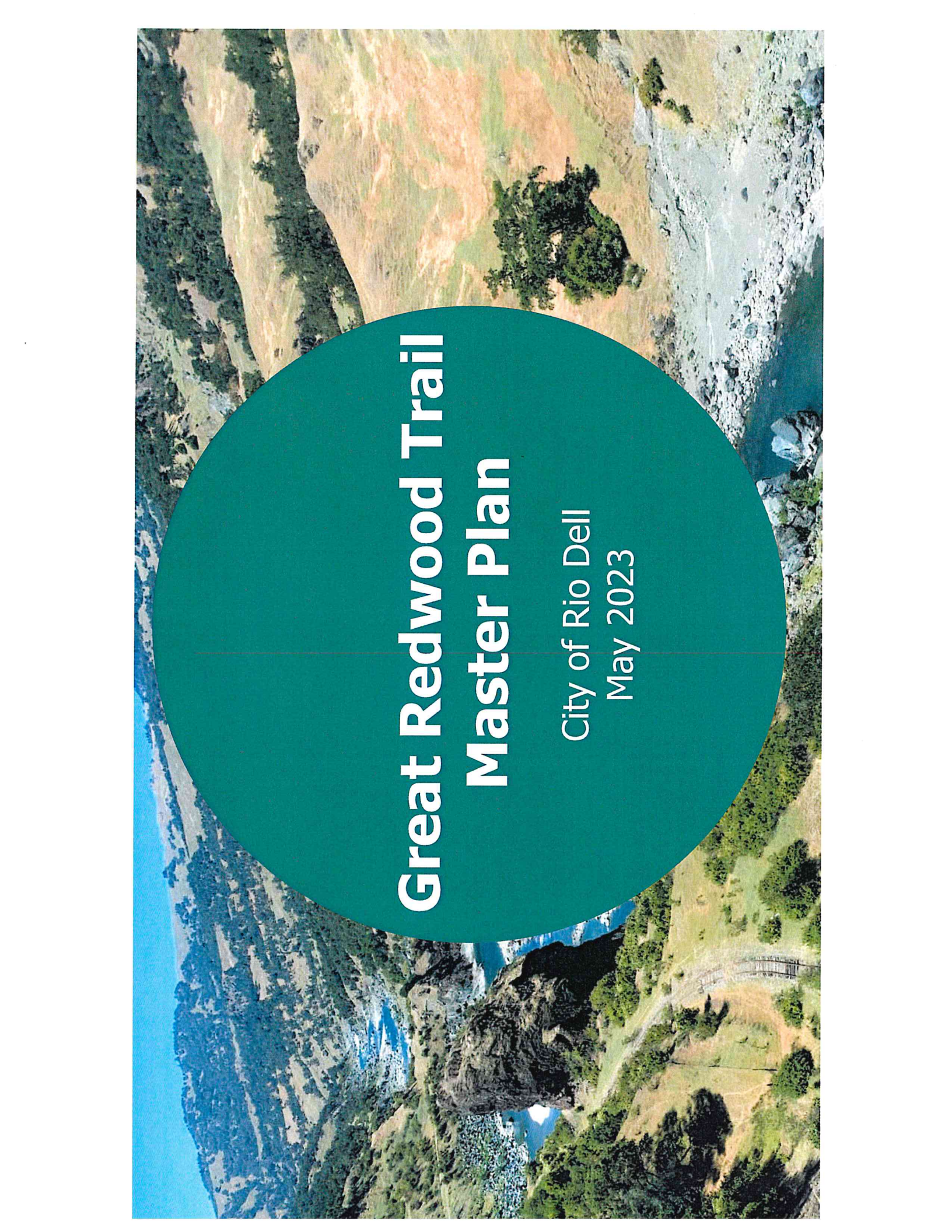


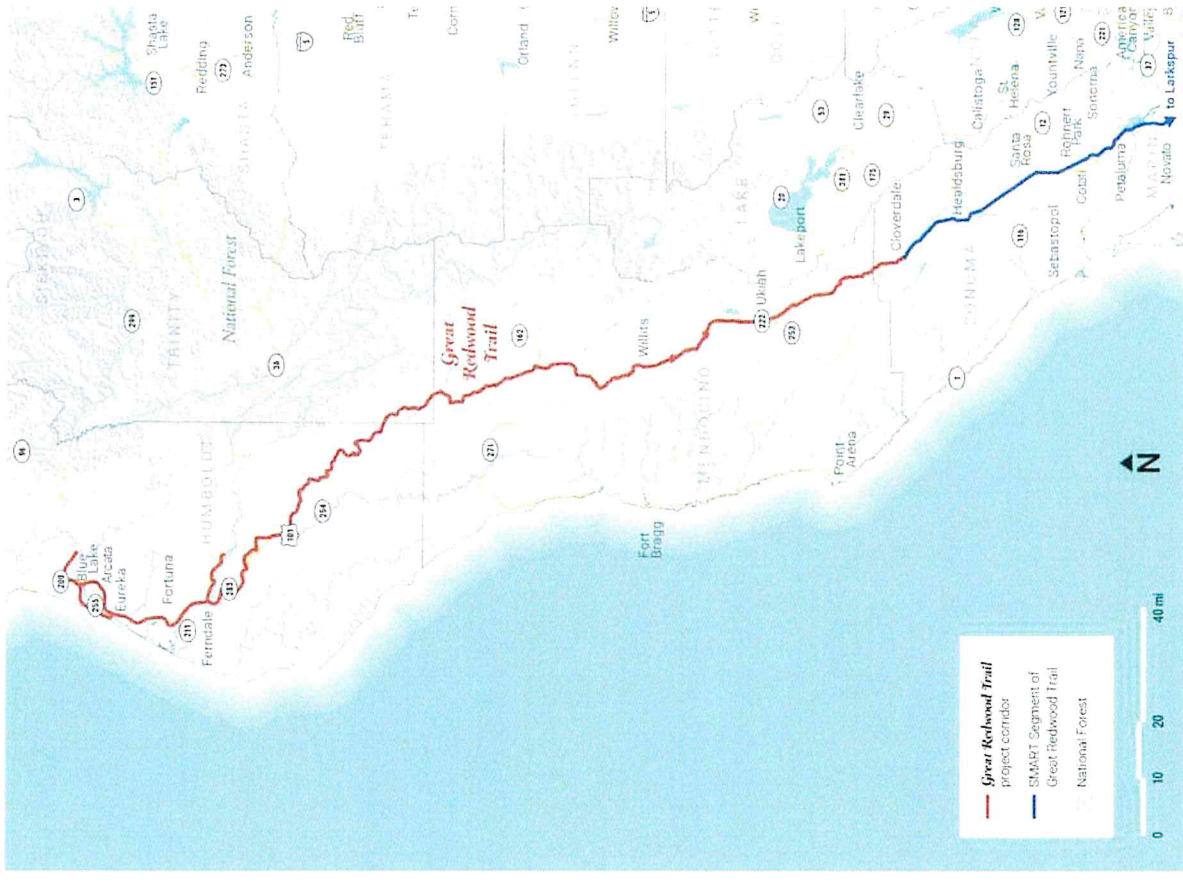
An aerial photograph of a river valley. A large, semi-transparent green circle is centered over the image, containing the title and subtitle. The background shows a winding river, rocky banks, and surrounding hills with patches of green and brown vegetation.

Great Redwood Trail Master Plan

City of Rio Dell
May 2023

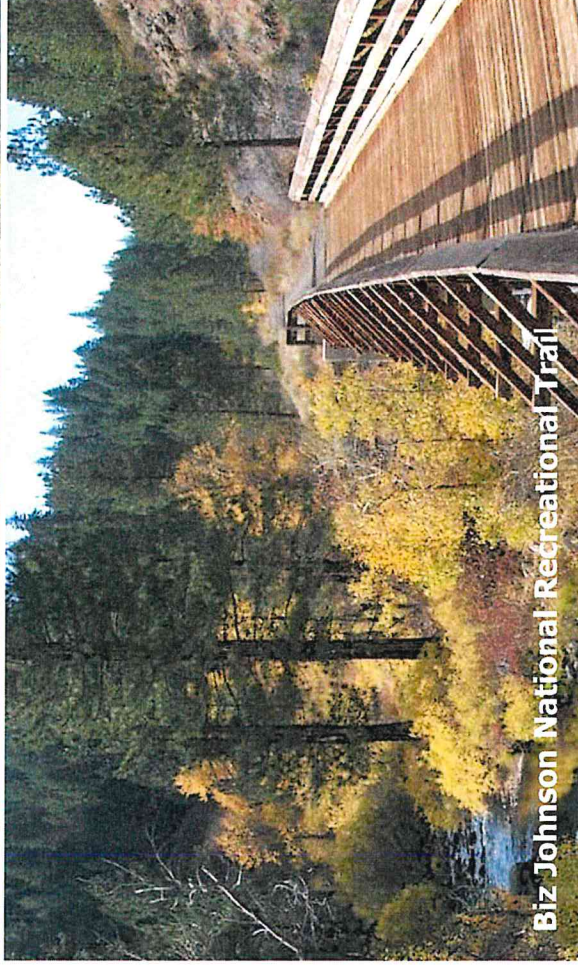
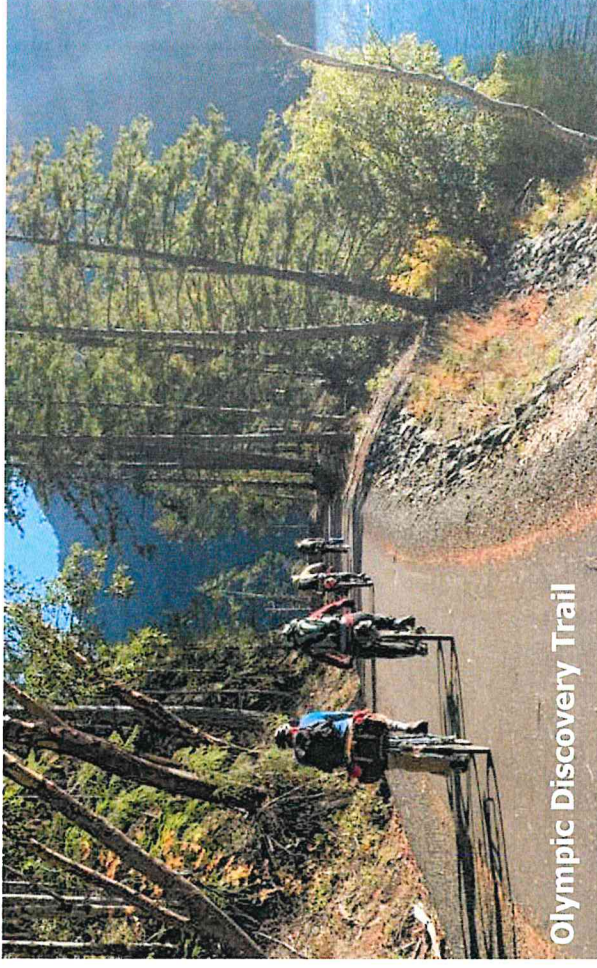
What is the Great Redwood Trail?

- The Great Redwood Trail (GRT) is envisioned as a 316-mile, multi-use rail-trail project connecting San Francisco Bay and Humboldt Bay.
- Follows the former, inactive North Coast Railroad Authority rail line.
- Transforms the rail corridor into a community asset and economic engine for the North Coast.



What are rail-trails?

- Multi-use public paths created from former railroad corridors
- Model used across the country:
 - Over **25,000 miles** in the US with over **1,000 miles** in CA
- Rail trails support **recreation, economic development, tourism, and environmental restoration** in towns and rural areas



How did we get here?

1998 – NWP RR ceased operations

2001 – Humboldt Bay Trail Feasibility Study

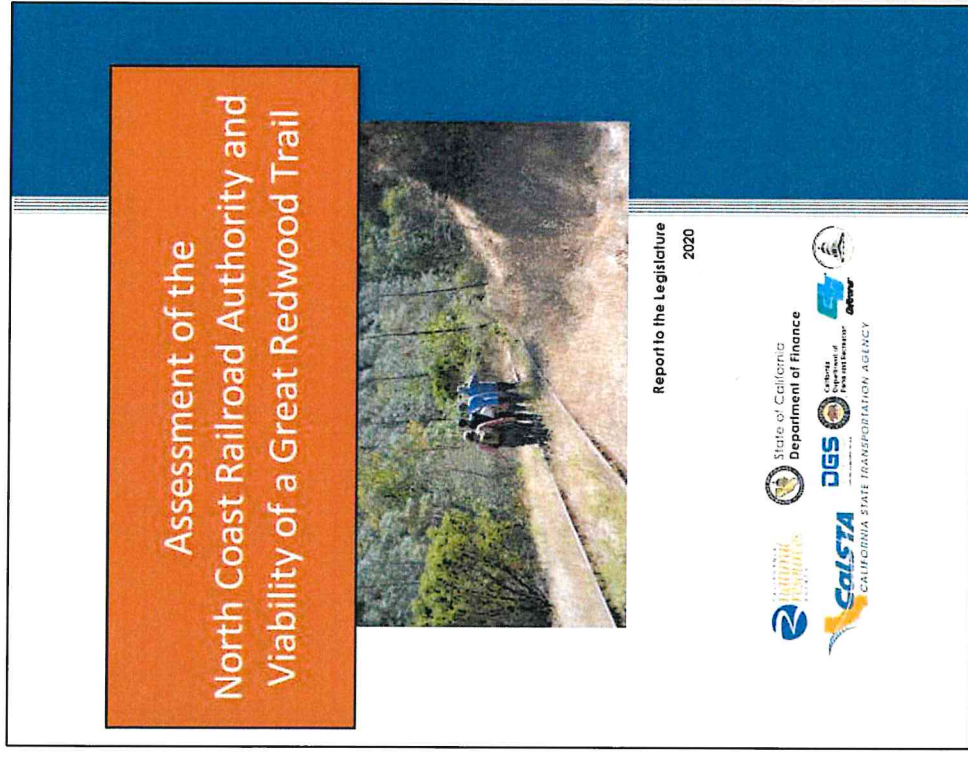
2018 - SB 1029 - Feasibility Reports

2021 - SB 69 Great Redwood Trail Act Passed

- Transferred Sonoma & Marin to SMART
- Created the Great Redwood Trail Agency (GRTA)
- Required the rail corridor be preserved via railbanking

2022 - Present

- Railbanked from Willits north (October)
- Kicked Off the Master Plan (October)

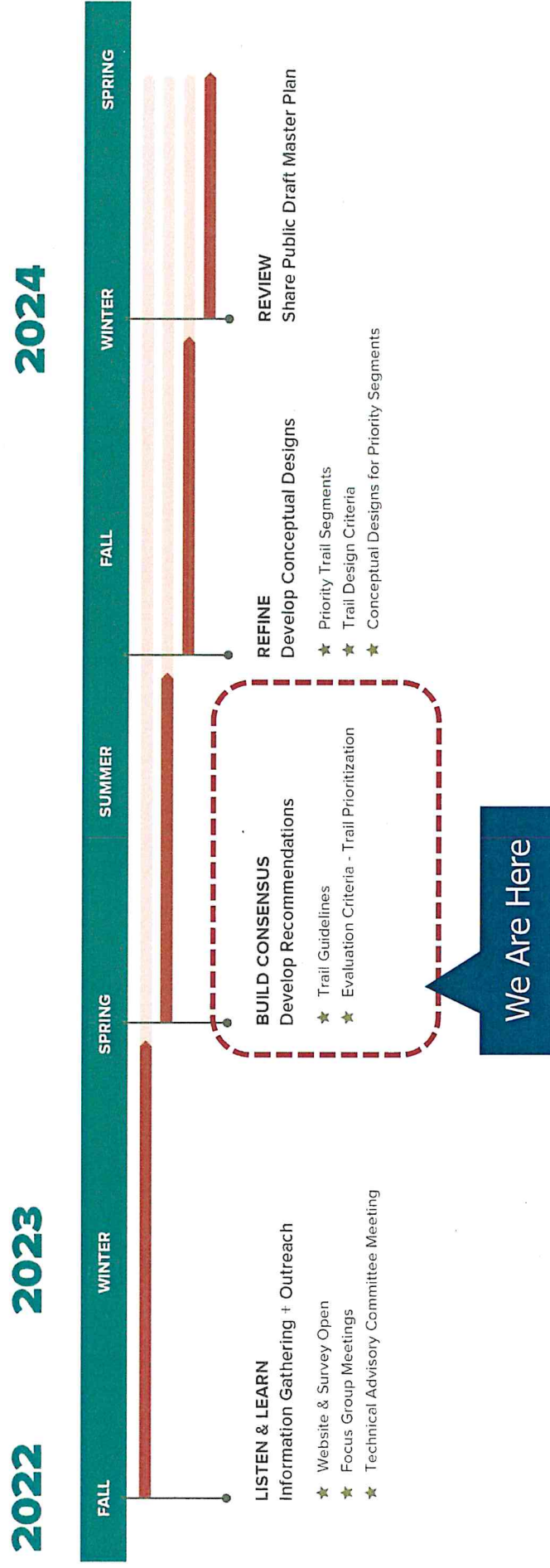


The background image is a landscape photograph showing a wide river valley. In the foreground, there are green hills and a small wooden bridge. The middle ground features a large, dark, rocky outcrop. The background shows a wide river with a rocky bed, surrounded by green hills and a clear blue sky. A large green circle is overlaid on the image, containing the title text.

Great Redwood Trail

Master Plan & Community Engagement Plan

Master Plan Schedule



What are we hearing so far?

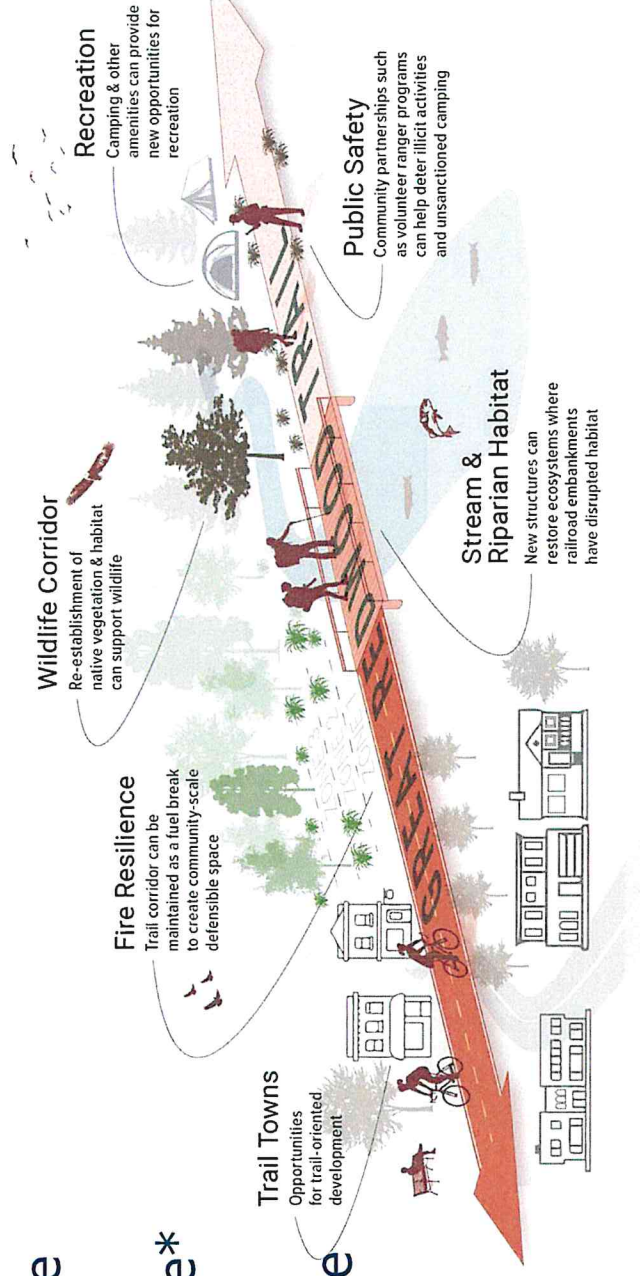
- Concerns include:
 - Trespassing & Security
 - Fire Hazards
 - Encampments
 - Impacts to working lands
- Opportunities and desires include:
 - River access
 - Neighborhood connections
 - Economic development opportunities

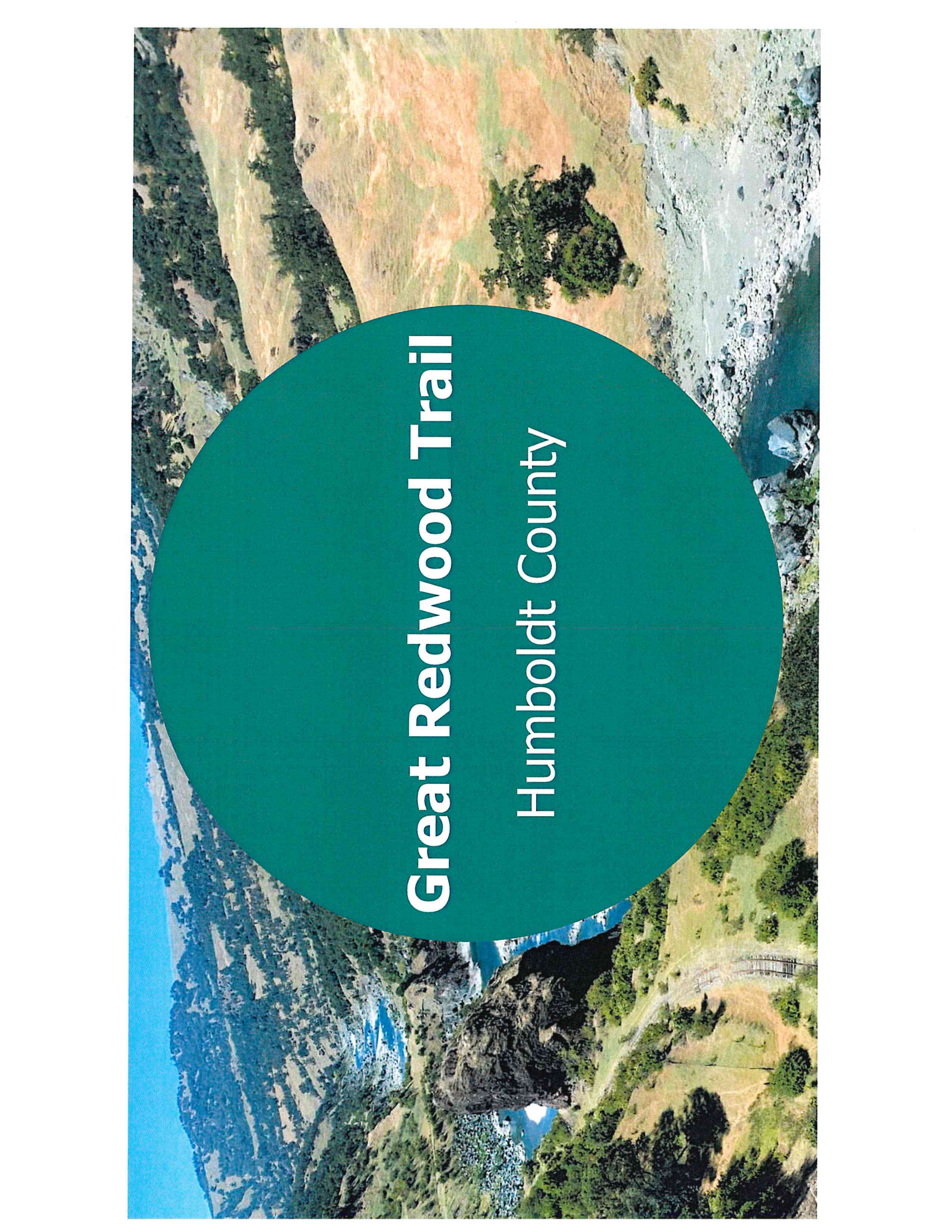


Great Redwood Trail Master Plan

The master plan will provide a high-level roadmap on:

- Operations & maintenance*
- Trail design*
- Cultural & natural resource protection*
- Habitat restoration*
- Project prioritization*
- Funding sources

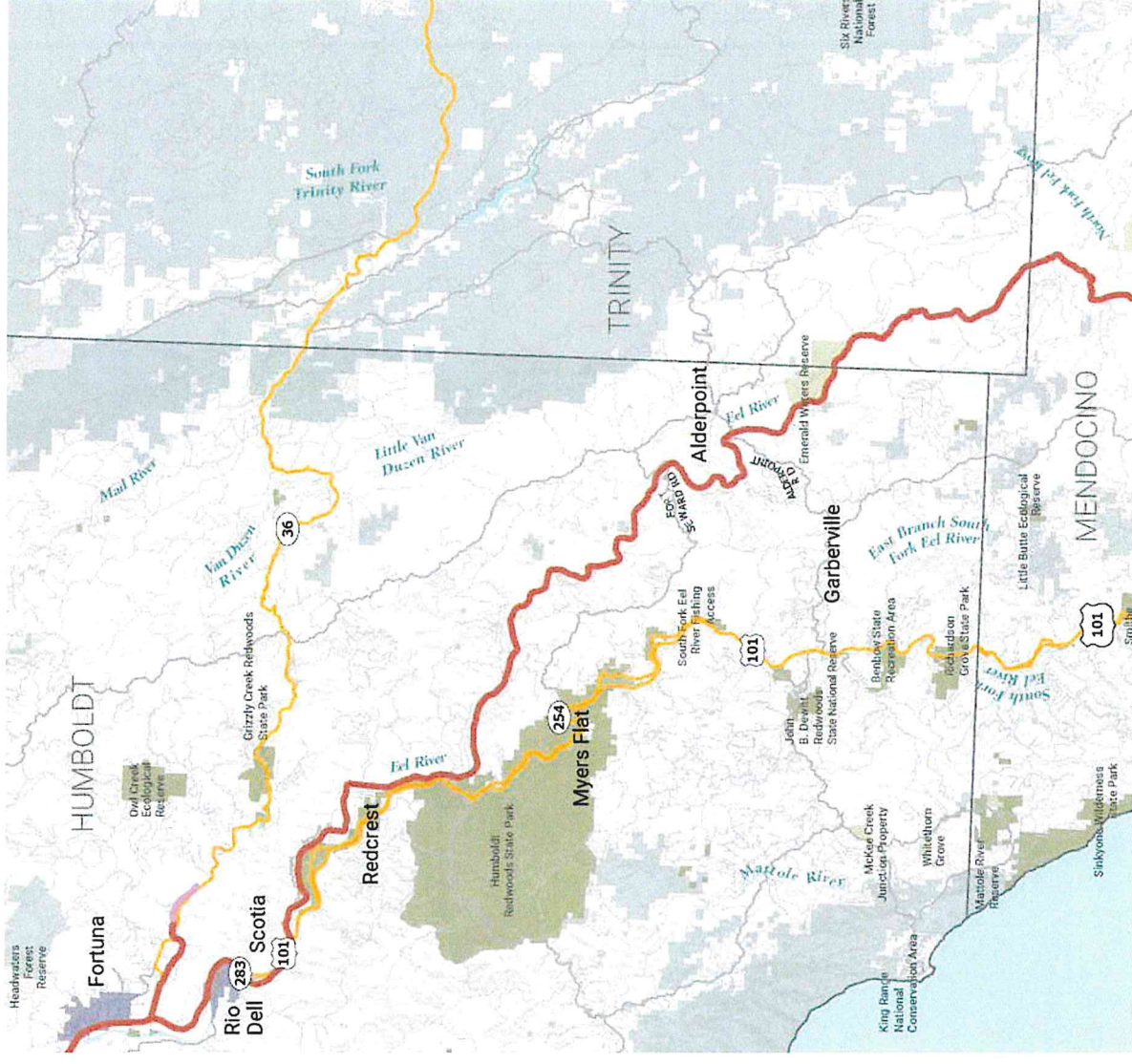


The background image is a landscape photograph showing a wide river valley. In the foreground, a rocky riverbank with some green vegetation is visible. The middle ground features a large, dark, craggy rock formation. The background consists of rolling hills and mountains under a clear blue sky. A large, solid green circle is superimposed over the center of the image, containing the title text in white.

Great Redwood Trail

Humboldt County

Trinity County & Southern Humboldt County



Northern Humboldt County

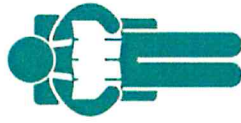


Great Redwood Trail Projects in Humboldt

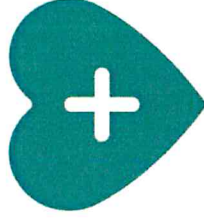
- Humboldt County
 - Humboldt Bay Trail South (FUNDED)
 - Eureka to College of the Redwoods Study (FUNDED)
- City of Blue Lake
 - Annie & Mary Trail Phase I (COMPLETE)
- City of Arcata
 - Annie & Mary Connectivity Project Phase II (FUNDED)
 - Arcata Rail-Trail (COMPLETE)
- City of Eureka
 - Eureka Waterfront Trail, Hikshari Trail (COMPLETE)
 - Elk River Estuary Trail Extension (COMPLETE)

Benefits of the Complete Trail

Economic benefits for Mendocino, Trinity and Humboldt Counties are estimated to be **\$102,568,000 annually**



\$61,693,000
RECREATION, TOURISM,
AND RETAIL BENEFITS



\$38,455,000
HEALTH BENEFITS



\$2,420,000
TRANSPORTATION
BENEFITS

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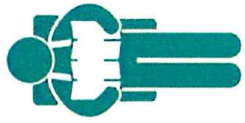
include in the presenter notes:

1. A brief statement about how the economic Benefits were estimated.
2. Make the point that a completed trail, once established, can lead to trail towns- cities, towns, and communities along the corridor that support trail users with services, promote the trail to their citizens and regions, and embrace the trail as a resource to be protected and celebrated. (The economic benefits report bases estimates on this)

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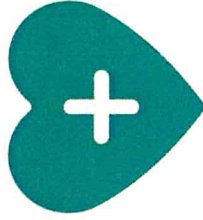
Benefits of the Complete Trail - Humboldt

Economic benefits for Humboldt County are estimated to be
\$48,099,000 annually



\$28,837,000

RECREATION, TOURISM,
AND RETAIL BENEFITS



\$17,968,000

HEALTH BENEFITS

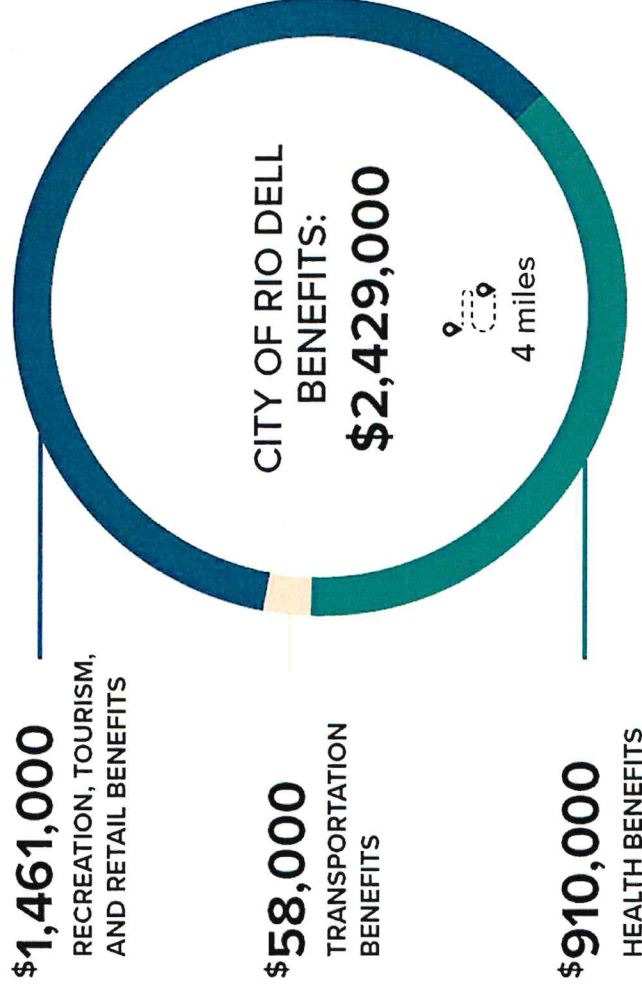


\$1,294,000

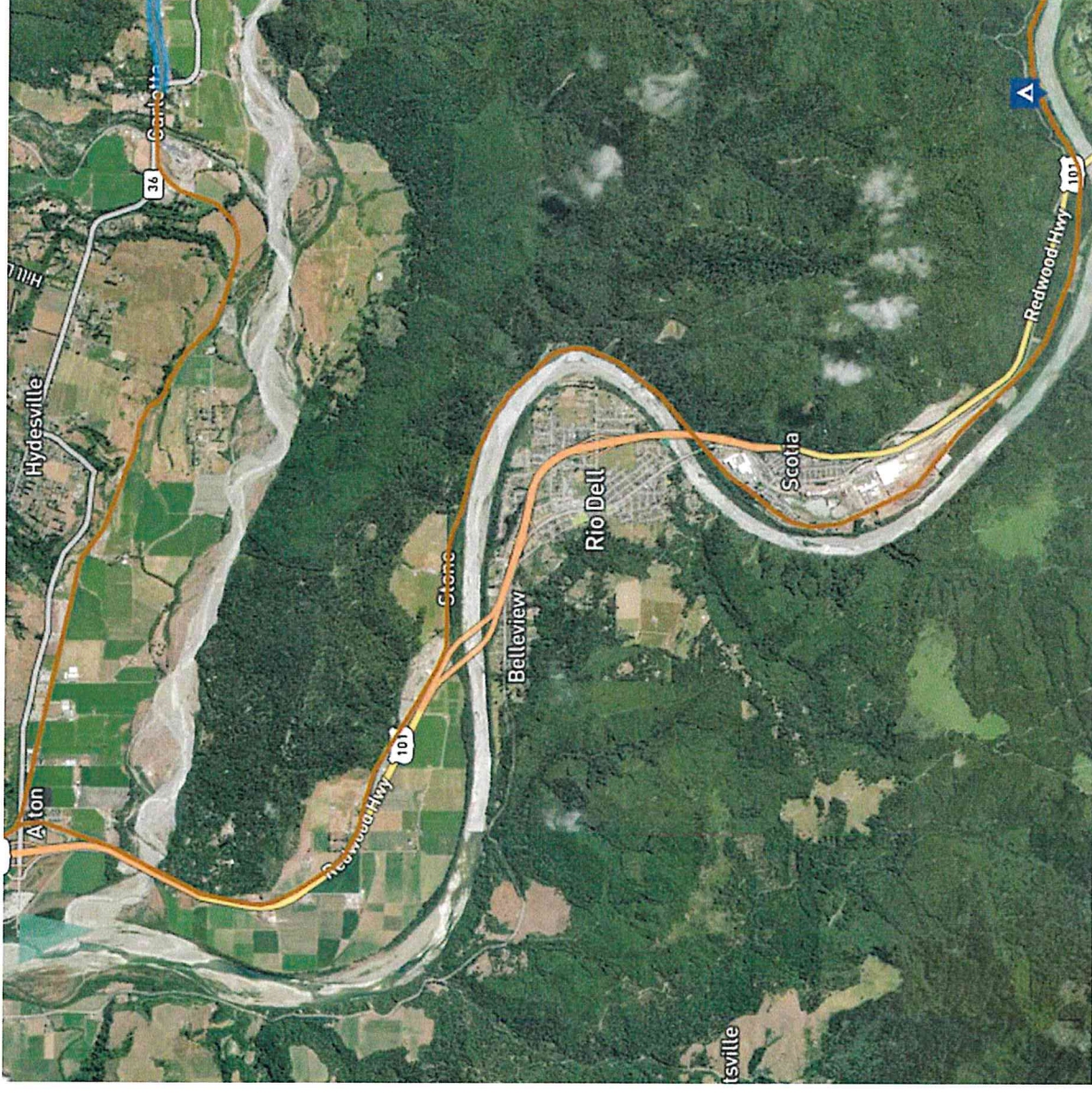
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Rio Dell





Great Redwood Trail

Get Engaged

Upcoming Events

7/26 – Community Workshop #1

Alderpoint

7/27 – Community Workshop #2

Hopland

8/02 – Online Workshop #1

Online via Zoom

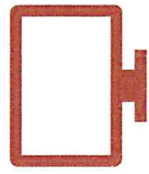
Summer and Beyond

Our team will be tabling at:

- Godwit Days
- Eureka Fourth of July Festival
- Fortuna Rodeo
- Humboldt County Fair

Visit our website for details on future events.

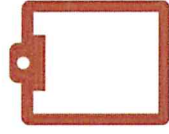
Getting Involved



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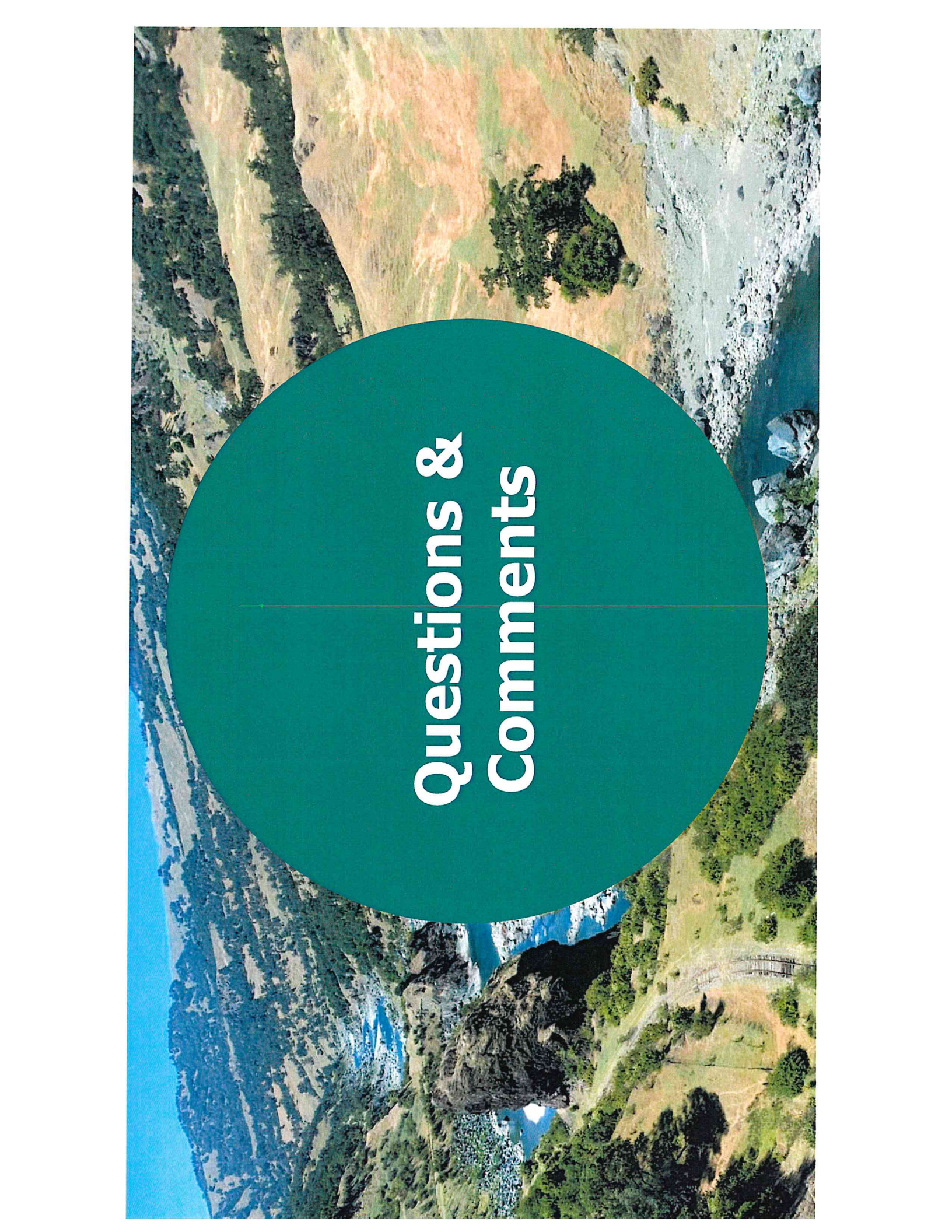
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A scenic landscape photograph featuring a river in the foreground, a large rock formation in the middle ground, and mountains in the background. A large green circle is overlaid on the image, containing the text "Questions & Comments" in white. The text is centered within the circle and is written in a bold, sans-serif font. The background image shows a river flowing through a valley, with a large rock formation on the left side. The mountains in the background are covered in green vegetation. The sky is blue with some white clouds.

Questions & Comments