



**Citizens' Institute
on Rural Design**

Limon Citizens' Institute for Rural Design™ Workshop

Frequently Asked Questions?

- **What is the Citizens' Institute for Rural Design™ (CIRD)?**

Limon was selected through a national application with the Citizens' Institute on Rural Design™ (CIRD) to receive a \$10,000 stipend to support a rural design workshop and follow-up planning sessions hosted in our community. Our community will also receive in-kind design expertise and technical assistance valued at \$35,000, as well as additional support through webinars, conference calls, and web-based resources on www.rural-design.org. Limon is joining six other host communities that were selected: Thomasville, GA; Salmon, ID; Isle de Jean Charles, LA; Red Lodge, MT; Awkesasne, Mohawk Territory; and Chimacum, WA.

- **Who sponsors the Citizens' Institute on Rural Design™ (CIRD)?**

The Citizens' Institute on Rural Design™ (CIRD) is a National Endowment for the Arts leadership initiative in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Project for Public Spaces, Inc., along with the Orton Family Foundation. Project for Public Spaces, Inc. is the lead cooperator and administrator of the program.

- **Who are the local partners?**

Local partners planning the workshop include representatives from the Town of Limon, Limon Chamber of Commerce, Limon FFA, Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation, Limon Heritage Society and Lincoln County Tourism Board.

- **Why is this event being held?**

Following input provided by Limon's citizens during the Limon Comprehensive Plan Update, three strategies were identified: 1) Expand in-town recreational facilities including parks, trails and indoor recreation; 2) Improve gateway signage at both interstate interchanges; and, 3) Establish wayfaring system including streetscaping, pedestrian walkways/pathways, consistent lighting, banners, directional signage and other visual clues to direct and entice more people downtown Limon, historic sites, parks, recreation facilities, open space and cultural resources. The CIRD process provides a framework to plan and initiate those strategies.

- **What are the expected outcomes?**

With the community's involvement, we can garner ideas about how to best utilize our town's advantages and entice travelers to stop at local attractions with better signage (wayfaring) and useable trails visions. The two visions will also be integrated to improve the health and safety of our community,





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by allowing walking and biking around town to be a safer experience for visitor and locals, including our children.

- **What is wayfaring?**

Wayfaring encompasses all of the ways in which people orient themselves in a certain location and navigate from place to place. The process of improving our Town's wayfaring is to provide better signage, especially at both Interstate 70 interchanges, which offers clear direction of all that Limon offers beyond the interchanges for both locals and travelers.

- **When will the event be held?**

The Workshop is currently scheduled to be held on Monday, February 27 through Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

- **Who is funding this CIRI Workshop?**

The CIRI award consists of a \$10,000 stipend to support the workshop and follow-up planning sessions. The in-kind design expertise and technical assistance is valued at \$35,000. Additional support through webinars, conference calls, and web-based resources has been committed to the Town of Limon. The Town of Limon has committed up to \$10,000 as match for the Workshop.

- **Who will fund the implementation of the outcomes?**

The local partners believe that the outcomes will lead to strong grant opportunities for state and nationwide funders interested in community development and outdoor recreation. Having strong community involvement, combined with national and state resource teams, will result in visions that will be of interest to these grant funders. The Town of Limon, through its normal budget process, will determine how and when funds will be available to match potential implementation grants. Limon's Board of Trustees has indicated that implementation of these visions is a priority.

- **How can I be involved in the CIRI Workshop?**

There will be multiple ways for local citizens to join this exciting opportunity benefitting our future generations! The three-day workshop will reveal results at the end of the event that will have a lasting, lifetime impact on the trails and signs for our town. The local planning team is working to identify a stakeholders group of 40-50 people that can plan to be available during the three days of the event. These stakeholders will be asked to commit to being available the full three days: February 27 – March 1, 2017. The entire community will be invited to participate in evening sessions allowing all to provide input on the final visions.





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- **If I want to participate or have questions, who should I contact?**

Joe Kiely, Assistant Town Manager for the Town of Limon, is coordinating the Workshop and he can be reached by email at jkiely@townoflimon.com. If Joe is not available, contact Dave Stone, dstone@townoflimon.com. Both Joe and Dave can be reached at the Limon Town Hall, (719)775-2346.

