

Sleepy Hollow, Orinda CA

In April 2011 the Moraga Orinda Fire District (MOFD) sponsored a two-day "Wildfire Hazards and Home Ignition Prevention" training. Twenty volunteers learned how wildfires burn homes, and applied those classroom discussions in field exercises. The course was prepared by the National Fire Protection Association's Firewise Communities program.

Orinda's Sleepy Hollow is a neighborhood of 465 homes and approximately 1,300 residents. Working with MOFD and DFSC, three groups expanded on the training with projects around their homes located on Ichabod Lane, Lombardy Lane, Sleepy Hollow Lane and Van Tassel Lane. Focus was on reducing fuels immediately adjacent to structures and along potential evacuation routes. Funding provided by a National Fire Plan grant from the USDA Forest Service through the California Fire Safe Council paid for the professional tree services. Homeowners supplemented the professional work. Hillsides were cleared of brush. Highly flammable plants were removed or thinned where located adjacent to entries or along roads. Trees were limbed up and pruned back so they no longer hung over roofs or utility lines. Other trees were thinned, with dead wood removed and crown density reduced.



Before



After

Project statistics

Address: Ichabod Lane, Lombardy Lane, Sleepy Hollow Lane and Van Tassel Lane, Orinda CA

Acres treated: 12.8 acres

Project Funding: \$15,000

Project Match: \$19,635+ coordination and fuel removal

Contractors: Mt Diablo Tree Service (Van Tassel); Bartlett Tree Experts, Concord (Lombardy); Bowen Tree Service, Moraga (Sleepy Hollow + Ichabod)

Fire Department: Moraga Orinda Fire Protection District

Homes directly treated: 15

Community members protected: 758



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