

Missoula City-County Consolidated Planning Board
435 Ryman Street
Missoula, MT 59802

September 17, 2019

RE: 2019 Open Space Plan

Dear Members of the City County Consolidated Planning Board:

The Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) enthusiastically recommends the Consolidated Planning Board support the 2019 Open Space Plan by determining conformance with the City's and County's Growth Policies and encourages the Board recommend the Plan for Adoption as an Issue Plan of Growth Policy by the City Council and County Commissioners.

The Open Space Advisory Committee and the Open Space Plan working group actively participated in the year and a half long public process to develop the plan. The process was robust and considered all comments from a variety of sources, including open houses, on-line, mapping data, and the 2019 public survey on Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails.

It is clear our work in Open Space is not done and that residents continue to show strong support for the many, many benefits provided through open space. After a very thorough and thoughtful review, OSAC voted unanimously on July 11, 2019 to approve the Plan and forward it to you for your consideration for conformance with Growth Policy.

On behalf of the Open Space Advisory Committee, we thank you for your consideration of our recommendation.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rob Erickson", is positioned above the printed name and title.

Rob Erickson, Chair
Open Space Advisory Committee