



City of Missoula, Montana
Item to be Referred to City Council Committee

Committee: Parks and Conservation
Item: Resolution to adopt the 2019 Open Space Plan, an issue plan of the Growth Policy
Date: September 11, 2019
Sponsor(s): Donna Gaukler
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Ward(s) Affected:
 Ward 1 Ward 4
 Ward 2 Ward 5
 Ward 3 Ward 6
 All Wards N/A

Action Required:
Conduct a public hearing and consider a resolution to adopt the 2019 Open Space Plan

Timeline and Recommended Motions:
Referral to committee: September 23, 2019
Committee discussion: September 25, 2019
Council sets public hearing: October 7, 2019
Recommended motion: Set a joint public hearing with the City Council and Missoula County Commissioners for October 21, 2019, to consider a resolution to adopt the 2019 Missoula Urban Area Open Space Plan as an Issue plan of the 2035 Missoula City Growth Policy
Public Hearing: October 21, 2019
Recommended motion: Adopt a resolution to adopt the 2019 Missoula Urban Area Open Space Plan as an Issue plan of the 2035 Missoula City Growth Policy
Deadline: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Background and Alternatives Explored: City Parks and Recreation and County Parks, Trails and Open Lands have worked collaboratively and with the community and with the City and County advisory boards on open space/lands for the past two years to lead and provide a robust public process to update the 2006 Open Space Plan, which was an update to the 1995 Open Space Plan. The 2019 Plan considers the many changes in the Missoula Planning Region, including population growth, Our Missoula and “looking inward”, climate, housing, and trends, to draft a new Plan for the future. The Plan incorporates mapping data as well as the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails (PROST) Survey completed in June 2018. The Plan has been reviewed and recommended for adoption by the City Parks & Recreation Board, Open Space Advisory Committee, and Open Lands Citizen’s Advisory Committee. It is before Planning Board as an Issue Plan to Growth Policy on September 17 (see linked documents).

Financial Implications: The PROST survey was paid for via County and City funds in FY18. Much of the writing and mapping has been by City and County staff and a working group made

up of the city and county open space/lands committees. Additional public process was paid through annual operating budgets.

Links to external websites: