



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

**Committee:** Parks and Conservation

**Item:** County Parklands Conveyance to City

**Date:** February 3, 2021

**Sponsor(s):** David Selvage

**Prepared by:** David Selvage

**Ward(s) Affected:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 4
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

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**Action Required:**

Approve and accept conveyance of ten (10) parcels of land from Missoula County to be used for parks, trails and open space purposes and direct staff to record the quit claim deeds.

**Recommended Motion(s):**

I move the City Council: Approve and accept conveyance of ten (10) parcels of land from Missoula County to be used for parks, trails and open space purposes and direct staff to record the quit claim deeds with the County Clerks office in the name of the City of Missoula.

**Timeline:**

Referral to committee:	February 8, 2021
Committee discussion:	February 10, 2021
Council action (or sets hearing):	February 22, 2021
Public Hearing:	<a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a>
Deadline:	<a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a>

**Background and Alternatives Explored:**

The adopted Master Park Plan for the Greater Missoula area recommends that conforming County parks, trails and open space lands that are annexed, or that are adjacent to City limits should be transferred to the City for ownership and maintenance.

The 10 properties involved in this request will add a total of 18.8 acres of land to the City's holdings and provide for new or enhanced opportunities to serve existing and new residents of the City. Three sites are developed neighborhood parks, totaling 4.6 acres. These neighborhood park sites have been developed and maintained by the City for some time, but were not identified previously for transfer. The majority of the lands, 14.1 acres total, are within or adjacent to City owned open spaces. Most of the open space parcels provide opportunities for public access where City ownership is likely to enhance site management, maintenance and security.

**Financial Implications:**

None at this time. The existing neighborhood parklands have been managed and maintained by the City and included in prior operating budget approvals. The cost of maintaining and managing the open space lands can be absorbed without specific need for additional funding at this time.

An increase in operating funds may be requested in conjunction with possible future improvements of these lands, in event of significant increases in uses, or if one or more larger open space acquisitions are approved and merit consideration for a budget ask.

**Links to external websites:**