

Report to City Commission

Livingston Planning Board

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Re: Recommendations for priorities in Growth Policy

Housing

1. Affordable Housing
 - What policy tools are available for incentivizing affordable development?
 - Explore opportunities for increased downtown mixed-use housing.
 - Develop Neighborhood Plan for View Vista Residence Park
2. Policy guidance on Planned Unit Developments (PUD's)
3. Vacation Rentals
 - What are the impacts to Livingston?
 - Policy recommendations needed.

Economic Development

1. Identify appropriate poverty reduction programs.
 - Provide policy tools to incentivize affordable development and promote infill.
2. Investigate opportunities for attracting new businesses.
3. Investigate options for economic development of BNSF/MRL property.
4. Inventory vacant spaces, especially in the downtown district.

Land-Use

1. Re-examine land-use/zone table, with emphasis on Highway Commercial (HC) zone.
2. Provide guidance on developing policies for regulating Large Retail Establishments.
3. Strengthen Subdivision Review Process, e.g. compare Livingston's process with Belgrade, Bozeman, and Missoula.
 - Ensure Subdivision Review Criteria will be consistent with the Growth Policy and other documents adopted by the City Commission (Parks & Trails Master Plan, Active Transportation Plan, etc.).
4. East Side Community Plan.
5. West Side Community Plan.
6. Gateways Plan.

Transportation

1. Grade-Separated Rail Crossing.
2. Active Transportation Plan.
 - Require that new subdivisions outside the city's core guarantee safe alternative routes for residents to access the core.
 - Improved North Side access.
3. Downtown transportation and parking plan.

Natural Resources

1. Prioritize and expand access to the Yellowstone River recreation, such as riverfront parks, boat ramps and islands.
2. Identify critical scenic and cultural resources, and provide policy goals and options for protecting these resources.
3. Provide implementation options for replacing of Ash trees throughout town.
4. Investigate need and costs for a comprehensive Tree Plan.

Additional revenue and financing options

1. Identify tools appropriate for Livingston, and provide implementation plans:
 - Resort Tax
 - Gateway Tax
 - Gas Tax
 - Tree Maintenance District
 - Parks and Recreation District
 - Storm Water Utility District
 - Others?

Provide projections for growth, by neighborhood

1. Current neighborhood capacities.
2. Expected growth patterns.
3. Detailed growth maps.
4. Projected city map in 20 years.