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Question/Comment

As a 17 year resident in Livingston Montana and VP of HR at PFL, one of the things I love the most about this town is the area down by Sacajawea park. I believe it is a safe area for kids and families to be active. Proximity to downtown businesses, the skate park, the tennis courts, parks, schools etc. makes this location the most viable location in my professional opinion. Add on the important fact this location qualifies for the 4 million dollar grant funds makes it even more viable. I am against the M street park location. I would be disappointed to see a beautiful multi million dollar facility be located on the crumbling rail road property. I believe this location would be unsafe for anyone sent out on bikes or walking to and from the rec center. There are very few businesses to stop in and patron, its proximity is next to nearly nothing. I understand there is a desire to develop this area in to a more desirable part of town, but unfortunately I don't think that will be successful. Most people want to be near other community services and businesses and send their kids to parts of town where they have confidence it is a safe area. My understanding is the major issue with the Civic Center location is the concerns for the Flood Plane. What concerns might the M street location have due to the toxins from the Rail Road. My vote would be for the Civic Center, spending a little more money to ensure the site is developed with the flood plane in mind, out weights the possibility that the beautiful new facility lacks patrons due to an undesirable location.