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Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2023 4:43 PM
To: City Commission <citycommission@livingstonmontana.org>
Subject: Recreation center siting

Dear City Commissioners,

I am a long time county resident and lived in town for over 25 years. I remember back in the 1960s when I was five or six years old going with my Dad to the city dump behind the Civic Center to empty garbage from our 1956 Jeep.

It was always an interesting trip for a small boy seeing old rusting car bodies, tires, used motor oil and other refuse. It was a veritable mini super fund site with asbestos, etc. Every few years the river would flood and wash the nasty stuff down the river.

Now the old dump is being considered for the new recreation center. I know there is a need for the recreation center but placing it on the old dump in the flood plain is egregious. We dodged a bullet in last year's flood. We could have easily lost Sacagewea Park and the river could have returned to where it was when my still living 91 year old Mother was born at the old Lott hospital.

Another 500 year flood might not happen for another 500 years or it could happen next year statistically speaking. Do we really want to take the chance of spending almost \$30 million to build a fantastic recreation center and have it float down the river like the Carbella bridge last year? No!

Please do not site the proposed recreation center on the Civic Center flood plain.

Sincerely

Bob Schleicher