

**City of Livingston, City Parks and Trails Committee  
Meeting Agenda - March 23, 2022**

The monthly meeting of the Livingston Parks & Trails Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of the City County Building. Connor Cavigli, Chair, will facilitate this meeting.

1. Roll Call
2. Agenda Review
3. Approval of Minutes
4. New Business
  - a. Lindie Gibson signage comments on Miles Park Lagoon
  - b. 2022 Priorities (attachment)
5. Old Business / Updates
  - a. Wishberry Hollow 2022 - Connor
  - b. HRDC Gulley update - Sarah
  - c. Americorps NCCC - Sarah
  - d. Bitterroot Trail - Sarah
  - e. Reservoir Park update - Connor
  - f. Logo next steps - Connor / Quentin
  - g. Woodlot updates - Clay
  - h. No Mow May 2022 updates - Clay
  - i. Social and other media - Clay
6. Public Comments
7. Committee Comments
8. Adjourn Meeting

Note: Emails to the Parks & Trails Committee should be addressed to [webmaster@livingstonmontana.org](mailto:webmaster@livingstonmontana.org)

<u>2022 Parks and Trails Priorities</u>	<u>PTC Owner</u>	<u>Priority (1 - 3)</u>
<b><u>City Priorities (budget items not yet approved)</u></b>		
Gazebo roof replacement - \$10,500		
Green Acres Drinking Fountain - \$10,000		
New Diesel Mower- \$24,000		
Parks Master Plan improvements- \$10,000		
Updating the Parks Master Plan- \$55,000		
Replacing Playground Equipment Sacajawea Park -\$20,000 This includes a proposal for Pompey's Playground to repair (PTC had this listed as a deferred priority in 2021)		
McNair Skate Park landscaping and sidewalk- \$90,000		
Vehicle Replacement- \$30,000		
Cleaning up Mayor's Landing/Roping Arena		
<b><u>2021 PTC Priorities to roll into 2022</u></b>		
Establish a clearer understanding of our what we can and cannot do in terms of communication - encouraged versus discouraged	Sarah	
Way finding and park/trail identification (logo)	Sarah	
Adopt-a-trail signs to acknowledge volunteers	Sarah	
No Mow May	Clay	
Reservoir Park improvements	Alison	
Girl Scouts fencing, trail	Jeanne	
North Side Trails	Connor / Sarah	
Wishberry Hollow	Connor / Sarah	
LBC Bike Track	Sarah	
Woodlot Rehabilitation	Clay?	
Ranger Skate Shop		
Bathroom is alley at G Street (deferred in 2021)		
Bandshell (deferred in 2021)		
Invasive weeds, pesticide and pollinator education and management	Clay / Sarah	
Partner with Tree Board on tree planing locations at parks and trails	Sarah	
Build closer ties with the County and support overlapping priorities and projects (specifically with the Fairgrounds and Park Board)	Sarah	
Develop and implement media strategy	Connor	
<b><u>New Ideas for 2022</u></b>		
Find way to implement Trails and AT Plan priorities	Sarah	
Have a clear fundraising goal (in collaboration with the City)	Sarah	
Livingston Bike Club Myer's Bench Trail System	Sarah	
Fleschmann Creek Bridge from Mayor's Landing	Sarah	
Yellowstone River bridge at Mayor's Landing		
Updating strategic plan for Parks and Trails Committee		
<b><u>Strategic Initiatives &amp; Ideas for 2023 and beyond</u></b>		
Parks district polling and campaign planning for 2024 ballot initiative (establish partners now e.g. TPL, GVL, AMBWest, etc)	Sarah	
Bozeman Trail (deferred in 2021)		

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Livingston Parks and Trails Committee, I am writing you in full support of Wishberry Hollow 2022! Our committee has confirmed with Livingston city staff that Wishberry Hollow has their permission to happen on Meyer's Riverview Trail again and we couldn't be more excited to see it happen this summer.

Last year Wishberry Hollow was a tremendous event with an incredible response from the community. This event was a success in many regards last year, but one of the most exciting things for us as a committee was seeing the cross-section of visitors to our little fairy community. There were kids of all ages, parents, grandparents, teens, and everything in between. When an event can have such a wide impact and strong response from that many age groups, we notice and want to continue it however we can.

Last summer was a difficult summer for many in this area between Covid, record setting heat, and thick wildfire smoke that blanketed our town for months. Wishberry Hollow gave our community a fun reason to get outside, hunt for fairies, and enjoy exploring a park and trail that perhaps many participants hadn't spent much time in before! Bringing Wishberry Hollow back in 2022 will bring those moments of whimsy to life one more and help get members of our community outside and moving, which is our goal as a committee.

We hope that you lend your support for Wishberry Hollow as well. Please let us know if you have any questions and thank you for your consideration!

Best,

Connor Cavigli  
Chair, Livingston Parks and Trails Committee

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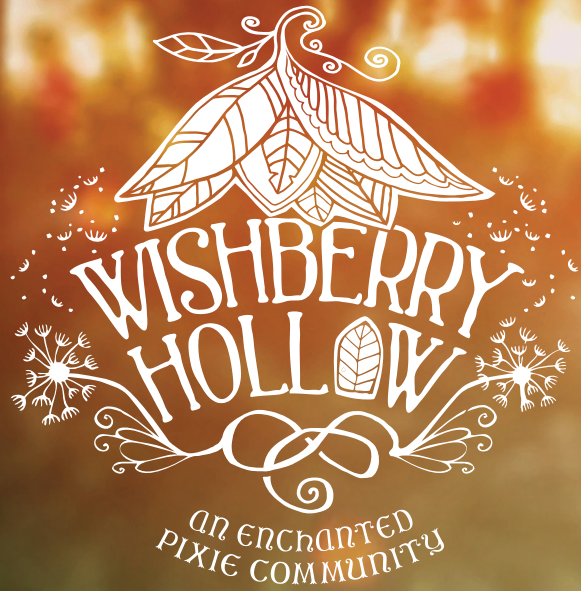
CREATIVITY THAT MAKES **CONNECTIONS**

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**project proposal** Wishberry Hollow Fairy Village

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WISHBERRY  
HOLLOW

an ENCHANTED  
PIXIE COMMUNITY

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A rustle in the wind reminds us a fairy is near.

~Author unknown

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MYERS' RIVER VIEW TRAIL

LIVINGSTON, MT

SUMMER 2022









## 1\_PROJECT OVERVIEW

**Wishberry Hollow: An Enchanted Pixie Community** is the culmination of love and labor of local artists and fairy enthusiasts, who will come together to lure our fairy friends into temporary dwellings as they pass through the area on their late summer migration. A pocket of the Myers' River View Trail in Livingston, Montana will be transformed into a fairy sanctuary during this 2-week migration. Wishberry Hollow will spark the imagination in both the youngest sprite and the eldest of wizards, by bringing together the beauty of nature, the whimsy of magic, and moments of curiosity, all enriching a sense of wonder in art and the natural world. This project serves as a great collaboration, bringing together local artists and the entire community for a two week event that is centered around beauty and joy.

## 2\_SUCCESS OF THE 2021 WISHBERRY HOLLOW PROJECT

August 1, 2021 was the kick-off of the Wishberry Hollow pilot project. Over the 2 weeks that the fairy village was up last summer, we went through over 1,000 maps. At any given point in the day, the parking lot was full, and there were pockets of people of all ages sprinkled throughout the trail discovering and enjoying the magic. We had a total of 30 contributing artists/fairy enthusiasts who helped to create a most magical fairy village, full of wonderful fairy amenities including cozy homes, playgrounds, an apothecary, a museum, a general store, a hostel, and even a watering hole for after hours enjoyment. Word spread throughout the community and we had visitors come from Bozeman, Missoula and Helena to experience the magic. The Livingston Enterprise caught wind of the magic and showcased a front page story on the project. The Active Transportation Coalition hosted an evening community bike ride through the pixie community. Preschools organized field trips in hopes of seeing a fairy or two. The project was beyond successful! To get a sense of last year's project, feel free to look on both Facebook and Instagram (   @EubankCreative and #wishberryhollow).

## 3\_LOCATION: MYERS RIVER VIEW TRAIL

Wishberry Hollow had great success at the Myer's River View Trail last summer. I have received permission from Livingston Parks & Trails to use this trail again for another installment of the fairy village. This trail offers all of the key elements we are looking for in a location:

1. Accessible
2. Gets people outside
3. Is safe
4. Prime fairy habitat
5. Plenty of room for the project to evolve
6. Dogs leashed (fairies would be frightened by lots of loose dogs)
7. Somewhat protected from the wind
8. Parking available
9. Out house

#### 4\_DATES

**Friday, July 29, 2022** (set up in the evening)-**Sunday, August 13, 2022** (take down in the evening)

#### 5\_FUNDING NEEDS

\$4,000-\$5000 is needed to fund this years project. The funds received will be primarily used to reimburse the participating artists for their time, talent and any materials needed to create display-worthy fairy dwellings. I will be paying 15 artists \$250/each for their fairy dwelling creation. I anticipate more community members will sign up to create something, but we will choose the 15 participants who receive payment based off of an application process. Additional costs will include printing costs related to marketing the event (flyers, maps, possibly a newspaper ad), as well as any talent hired to be part of a special event in conjunction with the fairy village.

Eubank Creative intends to contribute 100% of their time and talents pro-bono to make this project another success, which will include graphic design of all marketing materials, social media, photography and project management.

#### 5\_TEAM

**Eubank Creative (Megan Eubank)**

Project Lead | Project Management | Artist Sourcing | Project Design | Marketing

**Livingston Parks and Trails (Connor Cavigli + Sarah Stands):**

Coordinating trail usage | Timing Logistics | Project Set-up/Take-down | Spreading the word

**City of Livingston Recreation Department (Maggie Tarr):**

Special Events Permissions & Fees | Project Set-up/Take-down | Spreading the word

**Participating Artists:**

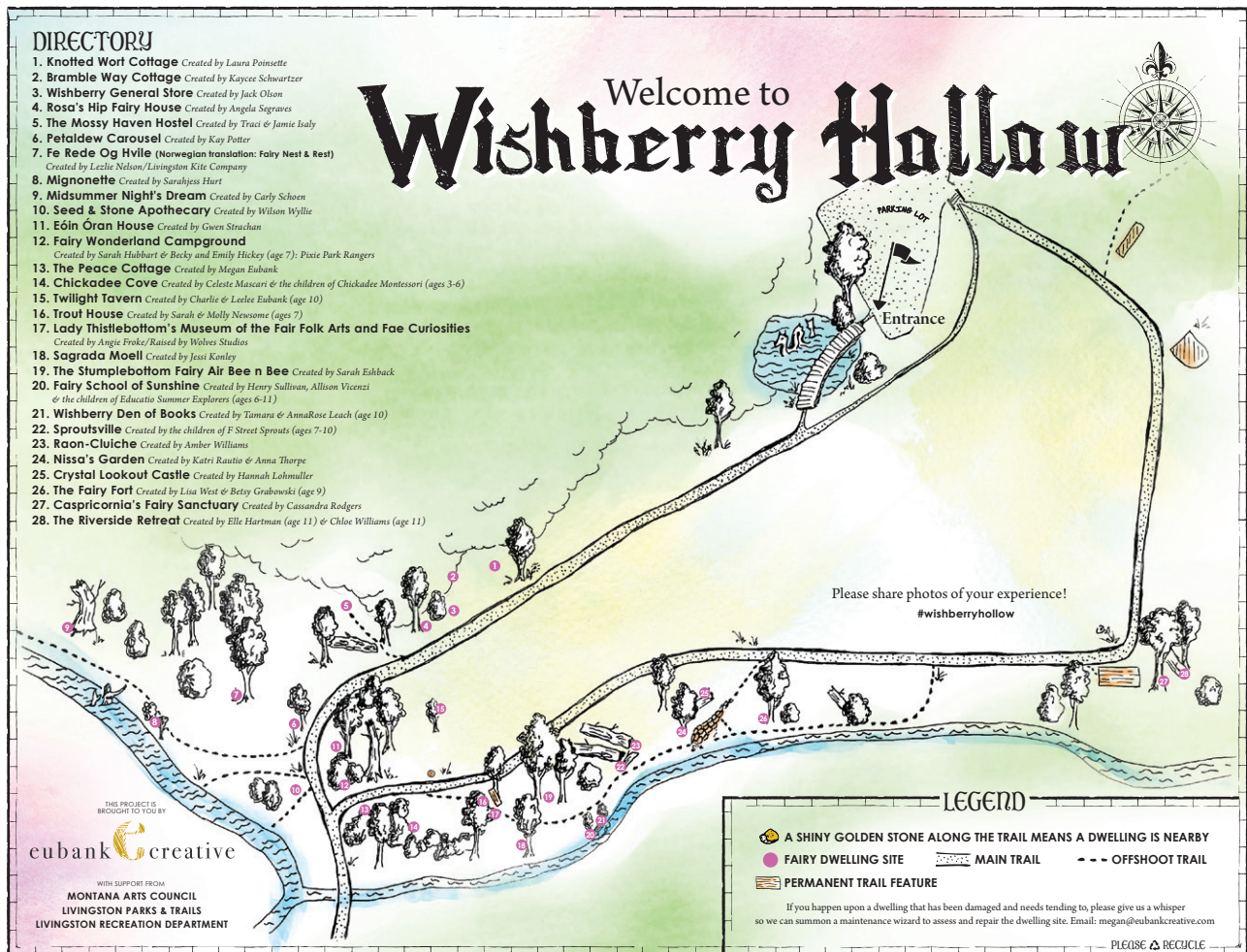
15+ artists who will be assigned a specific site in the designated area to build their fairy dwelling.

## PROPOSED SECTION OF MYER'S RIVER VIEW TRAIL

We've chosen a small section of the Myer's River View Trail to disperse the installation.

This allows for an easily accessible wander through Wishberry Hollow, suitable for all ages.

The loop is not too long for younger children, or those with mobility issues, but just long enough to offer a fun activity for all ages, highlighting a beautiful section of this wonderful trail. We may extend the area further down the trail once we finalize the amount of fairy dwellings being constructed. Below is the map from Wishberry Hollow 2021, which was available to guests as they entered the pixie community.



“It is frightfully difficult to know much about the fairies,  
and almost the only thing for certain  
is that there are fairies wherever there are children.”

~J.M. Barrie, *Peter Pan in Kensington Gardens*



## TESTIMONIALS

“My children (ages 9, 7, and 2) and I were delighted by the enchanting fairy gardens that popped up along our favorite walking trail by the Yellowstone River. Each of my kids got something different out of the experience, and we were all amazed by the unique intricacy of the houses. They have asked me many times when the fairies will return - we hope they do!”

~Grace Stephens, Livingston resident and mother

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“Wishberry Hollow was one of the most magical places I’ve seen and experienced. We visited it over and over again and each visit was so exciting and magical for my son and myself. I can’t really describe the feeling this place gave us. Magical is an understatement. All ages loved this place and I hope Wishberry comes to our community again.”

~Ali Schumacher, Livingston resident and mother

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“Megan Eubank of Eubank Creative proposed the Wishberry Hollow project to the City of Livingston in Spring of 2021. Megan’s level of organization, ownership and collaborative nature made this project what it was. She was timely in her requests with the city, proposed a project on a professional level and exceeded our expectations with her detail and follow through. The City of Livingston Parks & Recreation departments provided in-kind support of the Park and Trail location fees and marketing support with access to our email database and social media. Magic can happen in the community with partners like Megan who see the value of contributing to the community in which you reside. She is a valued partner and we look forward to the 2022 collaboration.”

~Maggie Tarr, City of Livingston Parks & Recreation Director

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“Wishberry Hollow provided my family with an hour of magic and wonder on an otherwise slow summer day in Livingston, Montana. My 3 and 7 year old had a wonderful time wandering the Myer’s River View Trail notifying their parents (and dogs) of the magic that was ahead. The awe on their faces and excitement to “find more” was everything we could have hoped for. To top it off our 7 year old is determined to participate and create a magical space for fairies to reside in the summer of 2022.

Thank you for your effort on this project, it did not go unnoticed.”

~Anonymous, Livingston resident and parent

## TESTIMONIALS

“The Wishberry Hollow experience for our preschool field trip was a magical, creative and eye-opening experience for our children and our chaperones. To see the joy in the eyes of the children as they discovered each and every fairy house tucked in its surroundings inspired our imaginations and fed our inquisitive spirits.”

~Tom Baskett, Lead Teacher at Montessori Island School

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“After visiting the fairy houses in Bozeman, my grand daughter and I were eager to visit Wishberry Hollow in Livingston. Walking through the park, my grand daughter skipped from one fairy house to another, loving and exclaiming over all the mystical details. Such a fun and treasured memory.”

~Cyndi May, Bozeman resident

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“As an artist, I took great pleasure in participating in a project that brought magic and joy to people of all ages. The Wishberry Hollow project was well organized and brought the community together in such a positive, inclusive and creative way. I look forward to building my next fairy house and hope this will become a Livingston tradition.”

~ Hannah Lohmuller, Livingston resident and contributing artist to the 2021 Wishberry Hollow project

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“Wishberry Hollow was a wonderful opportunity for my son’s imagination to flourish. We spent an entire afternoon there with friends which is quite an accomplishment to keep them interested for hours! Hop the fairies come back so we can visit again!”

~ Marisa Hess, Livingston resident and mother

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“Wishberry Hollow was an incredibly magical place for our family personally and also for our larger community. Whether you were a builder or a visitor, or both, it inspired creativity and connectedness. Over our several visits, we met new people, had wonder filled conversations, sketched the amazing fairy community we saw, and dreamed up our own additions. Months after the fairies have moved on, we still see signs of them all around us, and leave our own small offerings for any slowpokes or other magical creatures in need. The fairy migration inspired us to learn about other migratory creatures in the natural world, and to meet new people through birding and nature journaling. We already have plans for the outdoor sports equipment store we hope to add to the village this year, which will include butterfly saddles, tiny birch bikes, nut helmets, and so much more. For us, it has become more than just experiencing the magic but also giving back and being part of the magical ripples that Wishberry creates across our community.”

~ Hannah Roseberry, Livingston resident and mother



Thank you for your consideration!





Melissa Nootz, Chair  
Livingston City Commission  
220 E. Park St.  
Livingston, MT 59047

Dear Chair Nootz and members of the Commission:

On behalf of the Livingston Parks and Trails Committee, I'm pleased to pass onto you the Committee's strong and enthusiastic support for the Draft Trails and Active Transportation Plan for the city of Livingston. As stated in the draft plan:

“...through its implementation, the City, its people, and its partners will:

- Create city-wide safe routes for people who walk, bike, and hike,
- Connect all neighborhoods to all schools and community gathering places,
- Construct a system that is safe and accessible for people with assistance needs,
- Prioritize routes for implementing year-round maintenance and management practices,
- Reconfigure streets and overcome major barriers; and
- Develop an extended trail system that connects to county roadways, trails and public lands.”

We could not agree more that the draft plan, if implemented, will achieve those goals for our community and make for a healthier, more accessible place to live and work.

We specifically wanted to call out consultants at Vitruvian Planning, led by Don Kostelec and his team for the thorough effort made to learn about the community and engage a broad diversity of community members in the plan's design process. Much appreciation is also extended to Mr. Kostelec's partners at Future West and Cathy Kostakis. As a result of this thorough engagement and learning effort, we believe that the draft plan fully reflects the priorities and needs of the city of Livingston and the people who call it home.

We raised one particular concern with the consultant about a section that we felt could miscommunicate the strong community interest in a city-wide interconnected trail system in town. The consultant has acknowledged our concern and has suggested an alternative approach to the discussion of community priorities. We very much appreciate his responsiveness to our concern.

#### Conclusion

We understand that this document is a draft and there will be further comments offered by the Planning Board, Steering Committee, and the public. We plan to review all changes made but we again voice our enthusiastic support for the Draft Trails and Active Transportation Plan as written to date. We look forward to working with the Commission and the community to implement this visionary document that will serve as an essential component that builds on the strengths of the community we love.

Thanks for your consideration. On behalf of the Livingston Parks and Trails Committee,

Connor Cavigli