

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 163

**A RESOLUTION OF INTENT OF THE GALLATIN COUNTY COMMISSION
TO ADOPTION THE TRIANGLE TRAILS PLAN AS A REVISION TO THE
GALLATIN COUNTY GROWTH POLICY**

This Resolution was introduced by the Gallatin County Planning Department, moved by Commissioner Brown, and seconded by Commissioner Skinner. The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

WHEREAS, in September 2021, the Gallatin County Commission adopted the Gallatin County Growth Policy pursuant to §76-1-601, MCA, et seq. as a comprehensive plan to guide land use and development outside of the County's existing-citizen petitioned "Part 1" zoning districts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §76-1-601(4)(a) MCA, the Growth Policy may include neighborhood plans; and

WHEREAS, the Triangle Trails Plan is a directive of the Triangle Community Plan, which was developed by the Planning Coordination Committee (PCC), a group created in 2016 pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement between Gallatin County and the cities of Belgrade and Bozeman to provide a forum for planning-related coordination in the "Triangle Area" of Gallatin County, which is generally described as the triangle formed between Bozeman, Belgrade, and Four Corners; and

WHEREAS, starting in July 2020, the Trails Plan Steering Committee, made up of members from Gallatin County, Bozeman, Belgrade, and the Gallatin Valley Land Trust, held monthly meetings on the following subjects, including but not limited to, public outreach, mapping and trail alignments, goals and policies, and implementation strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee and consultant provided multiple opportunities for public comment on the draft Triangle Trails Plan. Engagement opportunities included polls and surveys, a mapping platform, a dozen focus groups, a virtual open house, an opportunity to review and comment on the final draft plan. Various iterations of the Plan were also available on the Gallatin County website and online on the project website; and

WHEREAS, the Triangle Trails Plan boundary is depicted in Chapter 1 of the Plan and is generally described as the Gallatin River to the West, Frontage Road to the North, Fowler Avenue to West Garfield Street to South 19th Avenue to the East, and Blackwood Road to Four Corners Water and Sewer District to the South; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's recommendation only pertains to that portion of the Plan boundary that is within their jurisdiction, which would be those lands within the Plan boundary that are not within the City of Belgrade, Belgrade's Planning Jurisdiction, or the City of Bozeman. The portion of the Triangle Trails Plan identified as being within the Commission's jurisdiction is more specifically described as:

Township One South, Range Four East

- Section 34 = Those portions in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ located east of the West Gallatin River
- Sections 35 – 36 = All

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- Section 21 = The SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, those portions of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ located east of Mary Rd. and south of Beck Dr., and those portions of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ located within and south of the Frontage Rd. (Highway 10) right-of-way
- Section 22 = Those portions in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ located within and south of the Frontage Rd. (Highway 10) right-of-way
- Section 27 = All except those portions located north of the Frontage Rd. (Highway 10) right-of-way
- Section 28 = All
- Section 29 = E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the E $\frac{1}{2}$
- Sections 31 – 33 = All
- Section 34 = the N $\frac{1}{2}$, the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Tract 5 COS 2202, and unplatted land in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ described on 98 fm 4674

Township Two South, Range Four East

- Sections 1 – 2 = All
- Section 3 = Those portions in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ located east of the West Gallatin River
- Section 10 = Those portions in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ located east of the West Gallatin River
- Sections 11 – 13 = All
- Section 14 = Those portions located east of the West Gallatin River
- Section 15 = Those portions in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ located east of the West Gallatin River
- Section 23 = Those portions located east of the West Gallatin River
- Section 24 = All
- Section 25 = All except Tracts A – C of COS 2557, that portion of Tract A-2 of COS 2557 located east of the Farmer's Canal, and Tract A-1 and Parcel 2-A of COS 2696A
- Section 26 = All except the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, those portions located west of the West Gallatin River, and those portions located both east of Highway 191 and south of Blackwood Rd.
- Section 27 = those portions of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ located east of the West Gallatin River

Township Two South, Range Five East

- Section 3 = Tracts 1A, 1C, and B of COS 2007, Tract A 10 fm 134, Tract 3 13 fm 166, and Tract 1 of COS 2360
- Section 4 = NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$
- Sections 5 – 8 = All
- Section 9 = W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the W $\frac{1}{2}$
- Section 10 = Parcel B of COS 1829
- Section 14 = Lot 2A of Minor Sub No. 191B, Tract B Remainder of COS 1245, the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$
- Section 15 = All except lots 1 and 2 of Minor Sub No. 454B, and Lot 3A-1 of Minor Sub No. 454C
- Section 16 = All except land included within Phases 1A & 1B of the Loyal Garden Subdivision
- Sections 17 – 22 = All
- Section 23 = The W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, the W $\frac{1}{2}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Tract 2 of COS 2725, and Tract 3 of COS 2532, the Genesis Business Park Subdivision, and Tract 1 of COS 1969.

- Section 30 = Only those portions north of Blackwood Rd or within Lot 1 of Minor Sub No. 456; and

WHEREAS, §76-1-604 MCA requires revisions and amendments to an adopted Growth Policy to follow the same process as adoption of a Growth Policy; and

WHEREAS §76-1-603 MCA requires the Planning Board to forward a resolution recommending the proposed Triangle Trails Plan to the County Commission; and

WHEREAS, §76-1-602 requires 10 days notice for public hearing. After notice given on October 10 & 17, 2021 in the *Bozeman Daily Chronicle*, the Gallatin County Planning Board reviewed the updated draft Growth Policy; and

WHEREAS, after holding its public hearing, the Gallatin County Planning Board voted unanimously (7:0) to recommend the County Commission adopt the Triangle Community Plan as a revision to the Gallatin County Growth Policy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Gallatin County Commission hereby adopts this resolution of intention to adopt the Triangle Trails Plan (attached to this Resolution) as a revision to the Gallatin County Growth Policy and finds as follows:

1. The Gallatin County Commission finds the Triangle Trails Plan to substantially comply with the goals and policies of the Gallatin County Growth Policy;
2. The Gallatin County Commission finds the Triangle Trails Plan will act as a meaningful Plan to guide trail planning and development within its jurisdictional area;
3. The Gallatin County Commission finds public comment submitted as part of this hearing was adequately addressed by staff, the staff report, the consultant, and/or the draft Triangle Trails Plan itself;
4. The Gallatin County Commission finds the to the Triangle Trails Plan meets all of the procedural requirements of §76-1-602 through §76-1-604 MCA regarding adoption and revision of Growth Policies, and therefore approves the Resolution of Intent to adopt the attached Triangle Trails Plan as a revision to the Gallatin County Growth Policy.

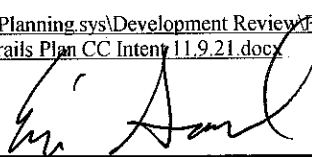
Dated this 9th day of November, 2021.

GALLATIN COUNTY COMMISSION



Scott MacFarlane, Chair

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Eric Semerad, Clerk & Recorder