Appendix B: Public Participation

Introduction

Public participation was integral to the development of the Growth Policy Update. The public informed the development of the overarching vision of the Policy, as well as the formation of goals, objectives, and strategies for implementing their vision. As such, public engagement occurred throughout the planning process. This appendix showcases the materials used to advertise and facilitate public participation activities, as well as documentation of those activities and their outcomes. It is organized into four sections: Events, Surveys, Press Releases, and Website.

Appendix Figure 1: Timeline of Public Involvement Activities

City Council Kick-off	• November 2019
Community Meetings	• January 2020 • June 2020 • July 2020 (Virtual)
Listening Sessions	• November 2019 - Key Informants • January 2020 - Boards & Commissions
Community Survey	• January through February 2020 • 1000+ Responses
Visual Preference Exercise	• 60+ participants at January meeting commented • Comments on 40+ photos
Growth Policy Web Site	• On-going Updates • On-Line Comment Form
Topic Specific Online Questionnaires	• Community Character - March 2020 • Future Growth Areas - June 2020
Planning Board Public Meetings	• October - December 2020
Other Outreach	• Press Releases • City List-Serve

Events

A variety of public engagement events were used throughout the Growth Policy Update process to discuss the project and community ideas and priorities with residents, business owners, board and committees, and other stakeholders in Livingston.

Stakeholder engagement included Listening Sessions on November 4, 2019, and a Lunch and Learn on January 29, 2020.

Commission engagement included a presentation to the Commission on November 5, 2019.

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Meeting invitations, agendas, presentations, and summaries and included on the following pages.

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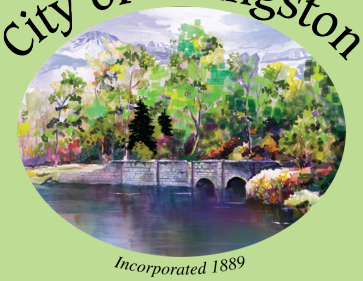

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Frequenty Asked Questions

CITY OF LIVINGSTON GROWTH POLICY

What is a Growth Policy?

- A Growth Policy is an official public document that is intended to guide future social, physical, environmental and economic growth and development of a jurisdiction.
- A growth policy is a required by the State of Montana as outlined in the Montana Revised Code.

What is the purpose of Livingston's Growth Policy Update?

- It will serve as an integral land use planning guidance tool as the community, including the 2-mile extraterritorial jurisdiction, grows and develops.
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What topics will the Growth Policy address?

Land Use	Natural Resources	Public Facilities	Population
Local Services	Transportation	Housing	Economy
Policies, Regulations, & Other Measures		Intergovernmental Coordination	

What is the timeline for Livingston's Growth Policy Update?

Project kick-off and initial collection of information	October – November 2019
Establish goals and objectives + public meeting and survey	December 2019 – January 2020
Project growth trends and identify needs and opportunities	February – March 2020
Update the Growth Policy + public meeting	March – August 2020
Finalize Growth Policy + adopt Growth Policy	September 2020

How can I be involved?

Participate in the upcoming survey and public meetings. Get information on these opportunities and more via: email, social medai, website, and utility bill flyers -- ***COMING SOON***

Livingston, MT Growth Policy
Stakeholder Listening Sessions Summary

Monday, November 4, 2019 - Listening Sessions: Kate McMahon and Jim Lenner

SESSION #1

1. Don't want to be Bozeman i.e. explosion of growth.
2. Be strategic in growing.
3. Summer tourism is key economic driver.
4. More people moving to Liv then driving to Bozeman for work
5. Hard to find service industry employees (and labor in general). One restaurant closed for lunch because of no employees.
6. Hospital will share Community Needs Assessment.
7. Chamber will share/push email announcements.
8. Community Foundation will share their recent surveys.
9. Downtown should be dense, walkable and have residences.
10. Preserve extraterritorial area for estates/large ranches
11. Need mixed style of housing choices.
12. Create I-90 gateway entry features to get people in town
13. No gas stations at interchanges.
14. There is a labor shortage.
15. Not a single person working on ED for the city. Need an ED plan.
16. Broadband is nonexistent - unreliability of internet is problem
17. Natural resources i.e. Yellowstone river is a huge deal. Need to protect.
18. Civic center should be site of future rec center.
19. Need winter activities - YMCA/indoor pool/etc. for children
20. Park County Community Foundation will share their latest survey and results.

SESSION #2

1. Need to focus on elderly and youth
2. Growing businesses is key; utilize working remotely
3. Ranchers are moving to city as they age.
4. Need housing for workforce; make new developments have opportunity for housing.
5. New residents don't understand benefits of tourism whereas generational residents do.
6. Need housing downtown.
7. Work with BID.
8. The State programs to help with home buying are not making to those who need it most.
9. Hospital will share community needs assessment.

STRENGTHS

1. Small town feel
2. Rural lifestyle
3. Landscape and natural beauty
4. Culture of giving and helping others
5. Tourism industry
6. Community takes care of own
7. Updated infrastructure
8. Safe
9. Over 212 non-profits in Park County.
10. Friendly people.
11. Access to outdoor recreation
12. Music, arts and culture scene

WEAKNESSES

1. Housing choices; cost is high and supply is low
2. Lack of workforce especially service industry
3. Access across railroad tracks
4. River divides town
5. Overall health, safety and education of youth
6. Mental health and suicide
7. Scared of Bozeman effect - Any change may lead to Bozeman
8. Lost ShopCo
9. No after school programs.
10. Property costs rising.
11. Social service network has eroded or completely gone.
12. Public transportation outside of the City.

OPPORTUNITIES

1. Plan for growth using citizen input and existing processes
2. Need commercial design standards
3. Need to update zoning ordinance i.e. highway commercial.
4. Need discount retailer
5. Add signage to interstate
6. Create a river walk
7. Need FD on north end.
8. Create housing trust or land bank
9. Search for community college to locate in city.
10. RR properties for redevelopment.
11. Create rec center with indoor pool and basketball. Hospital may be interested in partnering.
12. Better parking design and volume for business downtown.

THREATS

1. New residents dictating future of City; changing culture of community.
2. Uncontrolled growth
3. Tent cities/Camper Villages
4. Response times of emergency services.
5. County PLT funds not making to rural fire district
6. City tree program puts burden on residents.
7. Stillwater Mine to close in 2030 - 750 city residents out of work.
8. Downtown assessment for street work forced sale of businesses and buildings.

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CITY BOARD/COMMITTEE LUNCH & LEARN

Come hear about the progress of the City's Growth Policy update project, ask questions, and share your ideas about Livingston's future.

This is a special meeting for members of Livingston's boards and committees. Please bring your own lunch.

JANUARY 29, 2020 from 12:00 - 2:00pm

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Visit burtonplanning.com/LivingstonGrowthPolicy to take a survey and for more ways to be involved.

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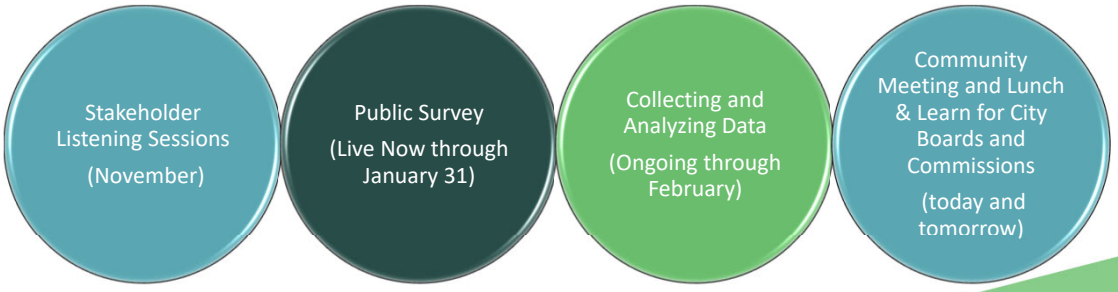

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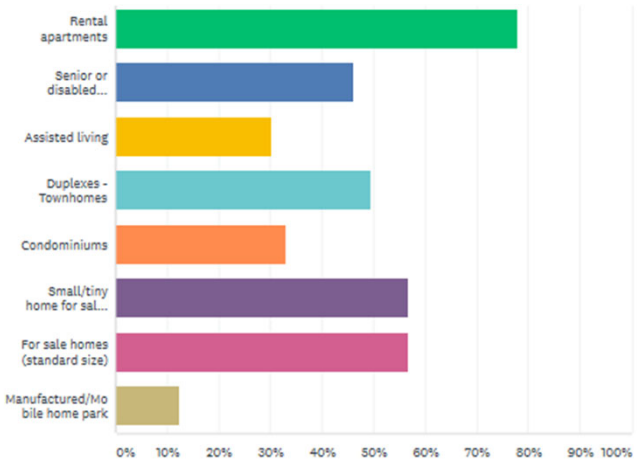

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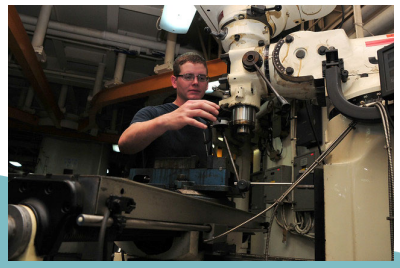

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Control for noxious weeds and encourage use of native, drought resistance plants.
Promote practices to reduce potential human-wildlife conflict

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Infrastructure

- Impact fees
- Energy efficiency
- Resilient infrastructure design
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Growth Policy Timeline

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TASK	START	END	2019			2020								
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1: Project Initiation and Management	**Tue, 10/15/19**	**Wed, 9/30/20**												
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Project Close-Out	Tue, 9/1/20	Wed, 9/30/20												
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Identify Strategies	Mon, 3/2/20	Fri, 5/29/20												
Create Implementation Plan	Wed, 4/1/20	Tue, 6/30/20												
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Next Steps

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1. What are community successes?
2. What challenges are the community facing over the next 10-years?
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Other Questions?

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In Attendance:

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Wendy Weaver
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Mel Friedman
Jim Baerg
Warren Mabie
Kate McInnerney
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Themes (in no particular order):

- Emphasize community character / sense of community
- Strengthen subdivision review
- Trail connectivity is needed
- Multi-modal / active transportation network is a priority
- Land Use
    - Keep commercial and other services in downtown
    - More commercial land use on north side of railroad
    - Incompatible land uses in some districts
- Pros and cons of short- and long-term rentals
- Need design guidelines
- Need architectural review standards
- Housing affordability
- Access to public lands
- Health and wellness
    - Promotion of outdoor activity in the winter
    - Promotion of green space and urban agriculture
    - Activity for youth
    - Community center / recreation center
- Natural environment
    - Small-scale solar energy
    - Urban forest
    - Water resources protection
- Growth Policy Update
    - Document demographic trends
    - Need more detail than prior Policy There should be maps to show wetlands/stream/ river channels. The Growth Policy should provide the regulatory framework to protect rivers and streams. Include policies for floodplain resiliency and drought.
    - Continued engagement of the public and boards/commissions

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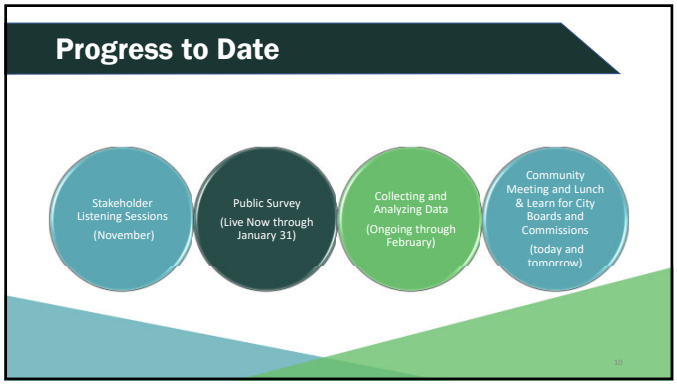
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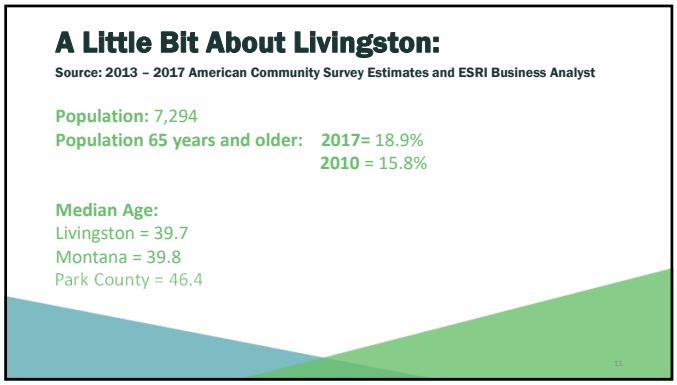
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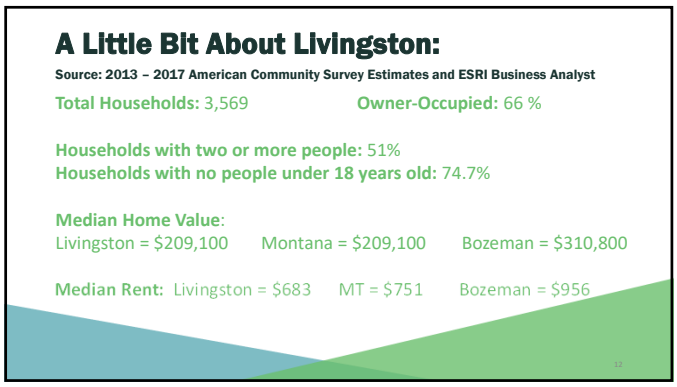
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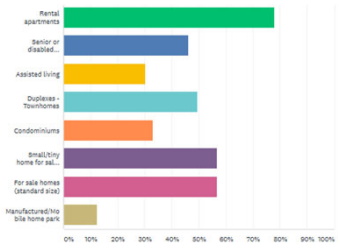

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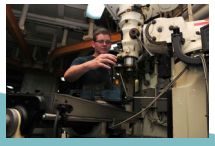

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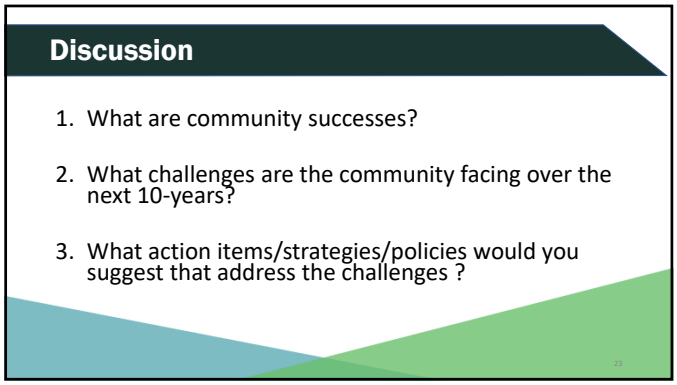
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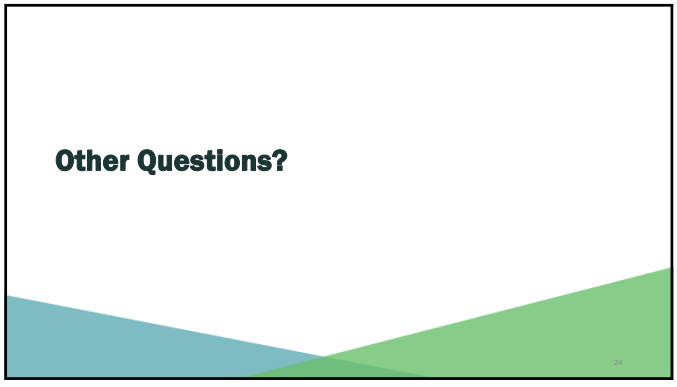
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Frequenty Asked Questions

CITY OF LIVINGSTON GROWTH POLICY

What is a Growth Policy?

- A Growth Policy is an official public document that is intended to guide future social, physical, environmental and economic growth and development of a jurisdiction.
- A growth policy is a required by the State of Montana as outlined in the Montana Revised Code.

What is the purpose of Livingston's Growth Policy Update?

- It will serve as an integral land use planning guidance tool as the community, including the 2-mile extraterritorial jurisdiction, grows and develops.
- It will reflect the desires and needs of the community as well as the existing and future capacity of the city's infrastructure, economy, and natural environment.
- It will name the best locations for growth and assist the City with ensuring that development and investment occurs appropriately.

What topics will the Growth Policy address?

Land Use	Natural Resources	Public Facilities	Population
Local Services	Transportation	Housing	Economy
Policies, Regulations, & Other Measures		Intergovernmental Coordination	

What is the timeline for Livingston's Growth Policy Update?

Project kick-off and initial collection of information	October – November 2019
Establish goals and objectives + public meeting and survey	December 2019 – January 2020
Project growth trends and identify needs and opportunities	February – March 2020
Update the Growth Policy + public meeting	March – August 2020
Finalize Growth Policy + adopt Growth Policy	September 2020

How can I be involved?

Take the survey and participate in upcoming community meetings. Get information on these opportunities and more at http: burtonplanning.com/LivingstonGrowthPolicy or via Faith Kinnick: (406) 823-6002.

City of Livingston Growth Policy
City Commission Presentation

November 5, 2019 | Time: 5:30pm

Tonight's Purpose

Overview Of Growth Policy Process
Discuss Work Completed
Ensure Commission Can Ask Questions

Team Introduction

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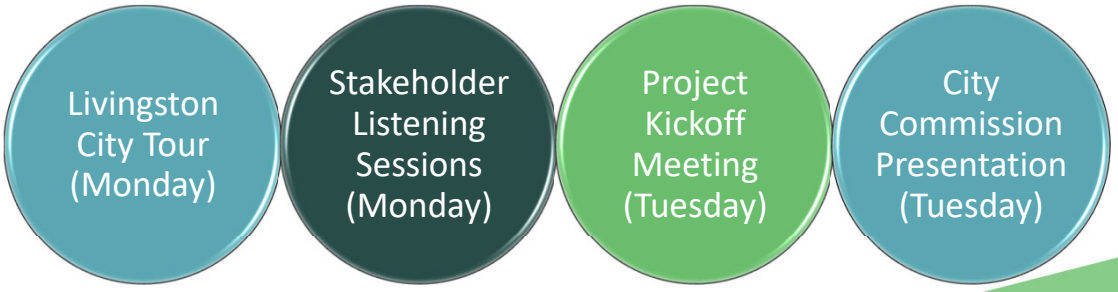

Growth Policy Process

Public Involvement Is Critical

Public Involvement Will Be ***Ongoing*** During Entire Process

This is the City's Policy And Should Be Reflective As Such

What Will Growth Policy Address?

- Land Use
- Population
- Housing
- Public Facilities
- Policies, Regulations, and Other Measures
- Transportation
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Next Steps

- Accumulate Data and Information Collection
- Analysis of Base Information
- Draft Goals & Objectives
- Identify Needs
- Project Trends

Feedback by City Commission

What are we missing?

What specific areas should we target?

Is there growth you don't want?

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CITY OF LIVINGSTON GROWTH POLICY

COMMUNITY MEETING

How do you want to see the City of Livingston grow and develop? Share your vision. Hear the opinions of your neighbors.

We hope you are able to join us for casual conversation and a brief presentation.

JANUARY 28, 2020 from 6:00 - 8:00pm

City - County Complex
Large Community Room
414 E. Callender Street
Livingston, Montana 59047

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CITY OF LIVINGSTON GROWTH POLICY
Community Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: January 28, 2020| Time: 6:00 - 8:00 PM

1. **Sign-In / Interactive Exhibits** 6:00
2. **Welcome / Introductions** 6:30
   - » City of Livingston
3. **Growth Policy Update Overview** -- Presentation 6:45
   - » Consultant
4. **Successes / Challenges / Strategies for Livingston** -- Facilitated Discussion 7:00
   - » Consultant
5. **Wrap-Up** 7:45

City of Livingston Growth Policy
Community Meeting

January 28, 2020 | Time: 6:00pm

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Tonight's Purpose

1. Provide Information on the Growth Policy Update
   - What is a Growth Policy?
   - Overview of the process to update Livingston's Growth Policy
   - Next steps
2. Receive your feedback on successes/challenges/strategies for Livingston
3. Ensure that you can ask questions

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Growth Policy Process

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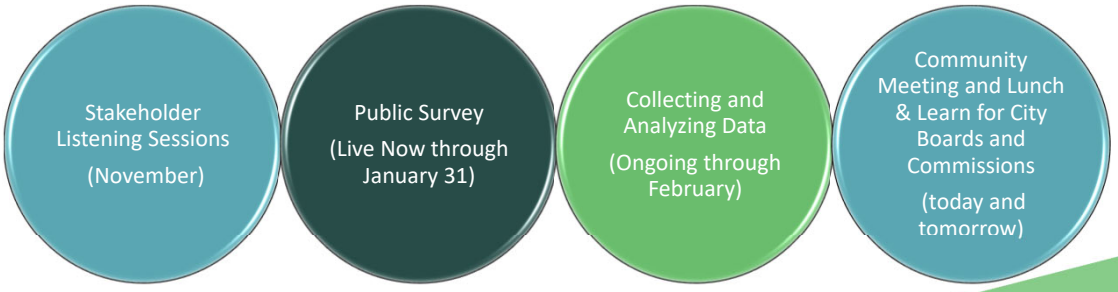

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A Little Bit About Livingston:

Source: 2013 – 2017 American Community Survey Estimates and ESRI Business Analyst

Population: 7,294
Population 65 years and older: **2017=** 18.9%
2010 = 15.8%

Median Age:
Livingston = 39.7
Montana = 39.8
Park County = 46.4

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A Little Bit About Livingston:

Source: 2013 – 2017 American Community Survey Estimates and ESRI Business Analyst

Total Households: 3,569 **Owner-Occupied:** 66 %

Households with two or more people: 51%
Households with no people under 18 years old: 74.7%

Median Home Value:
Livingston = $196,800 Montana = $209,100 Bozeman = $310,800

Median Rent: Livingston = $683 MT = $751 Bozeman = $956

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A Little Bit About Livingston:

Workers age 16 and older who work in Park County: 78.5%
Workers age 16 and older who drive alone to work: 64.4%
Workers age 16 and older who carpool to work: 18.8%
take bus to work: .9%

Median Household Income: $44,660 (Montana = $50,801)

Households with income below poverty level: 16.7%

2013 – 2017 American Community Survey Estimates and ESRI Business Analyst

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A Little Bit About Livingston:

Source: 2013 – 2017 American Community Survey Estimates and ESRI Business Analyst

Businesses: 620
Employees: 4,073
Top Industries:

Service	39.8%
Retail	24.4%

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What We've Heard from You: Preliminary Survey Results

Survey Responses = 531

70.3% Live in Livingston
23.7% Live in Park County but outside city limits
6% Live elsewhere

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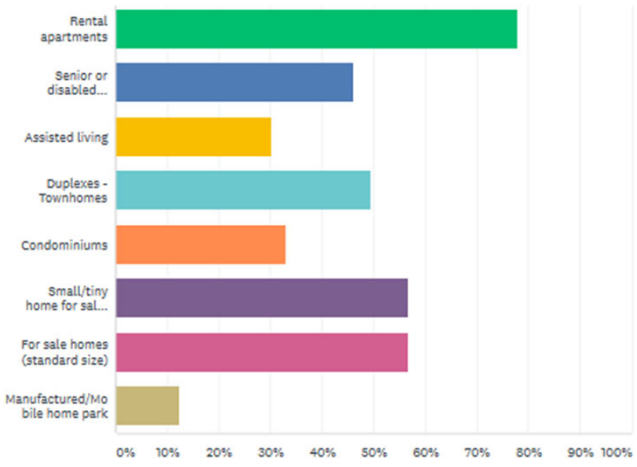
Housing

- There is a shortage of rental units
- It is difficult to recruit employees due to shortage of affordable units
- Rents are too high for average work
- Cost to purchase is to high for average worker



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Buy Local

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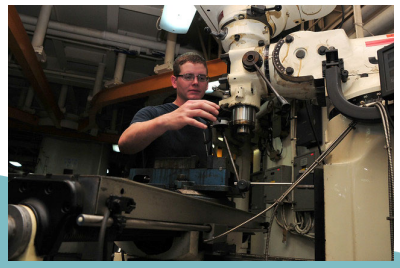

Economy – Top five policies

- Attract skilled trade industries
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Land Use

- Regulate big box stores
- Limit billboards
- Discourage sprawl
- Cluster homes to protect green space

Transportation

- Build separated grade crossing
- Design for people with disabilities
- Pedestrian friendly designs

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Environment – Natural Resources

Protect natural areas such as floodplains, wetlands, wildlife habitat.
Enact appropriate measures to protect water quality in the Yellowstone River.
Enact appropriate measures to protect ground water resources.
Reduce non-point water pollution through best practices for stormwater management.
Discourage development in hazardous areas with steep slopes, poor soils, floodplain
Support clean-up of contaminated brownfields and superfund properties.
Reduce waste and promote recycling in the city.
Promote practices that result in good, healthy air quality.
Promote landscaped areas and preserve the urban forest.
Coordinate with the county to reduce risk from potential wildfires.
Control for noxious weeds and encourage use of native, drought resistance plants.
Promote practices to reduce potential human-wildlife conflict

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Infrastructure

- Impact fees
- Energy efficiency
- Resilient infrastructure design
- Water Conservation

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Livingston Growth Policy Update
Community Meeting Summary
January 28, 2020

Common Themes from Community Discussion Portion of Meeting:

Successes:
- Community character / sense of community
- Short-term rentals
- Tourism is a major facet of the local economy
- Yellowstone River is an asset

Challenges:
- Housing affordability
- Short-term rentals
- Internet service to rural areas
- Inactivity / poor mental health in winter
- Workforce shortage in the outdoor recreation industry
- Need for more recycling opportunities

Strategies:
- Community character / sense of community
- Community needs more education on the planning and zoning process and growth policies
- Transportation
    - Emphasize transit, specifically between Bozeman and Livingston
    - Demand for park-n-ride
    - Parking regulations related to street safety
    - Multi-modal / active transportation infrastructure
- Health and wellness
    - Promotion of outdoor activity in the winter
    - Promotion of green space and urban agriculture
    - Activity for youth
    - Community center / recreation center
- Economy
    - Encourage tourism
    - Diversify the local economy
- Consider tiny homes / accessory dwelling units
- Accommodations for the older adult and disabled populations
    - Housing
    - Services
    - Transportation – vehicular, walking, etc.
- Preserve community heritage
- Natural environment

    - Eco-friendly energy
    - Conservation of energy, water, air quality
    - City needs a Climate Action Plan
- Expand City and County partnerships
- Increase density of downtown

Image 1. Over 60 people attended the 1/28/20 Community Meeting.

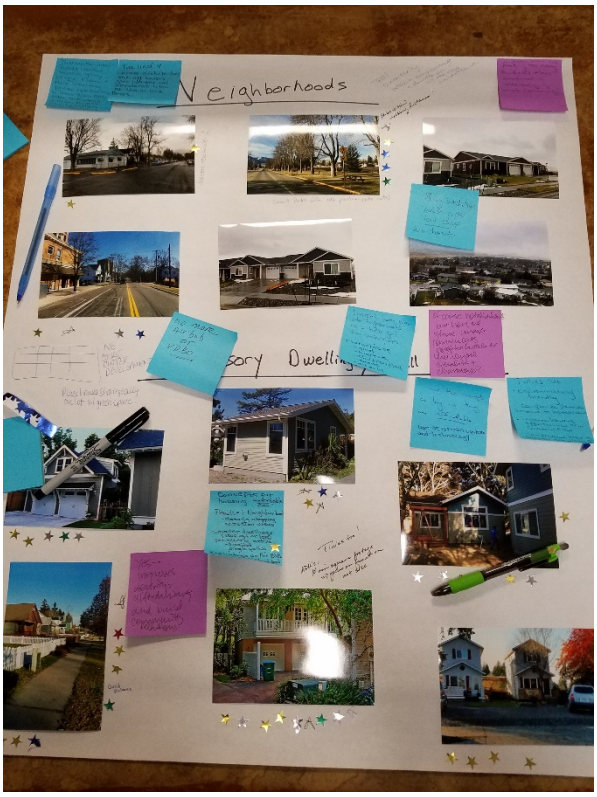

Image 2. Attendees provided their opinions on examples of different styles and types of development.

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CITY OF LIVINGSTON GROWTH POLICY

COMMUNITY MEETING

Come hear a status update on the Growth Policy process and continue the discussion about the future of Livingston.

We hope you are able to join us for a socially-distanced open house and brief presentation.

June 16, 2020 from 12:00 - 2:00pm & 5:00 - 7:00pm

Same meeting at two different times; pick the one that works for you!

Civic Center | 229 River Drive | Livingston, Montana 59047

Each meeting will be limited to 50 attendees as a public safety precaution. **RSVP to reserve your spot:**
www.livingstonmontana.org/calendar

The presentation will be recorded and made available online. Face masks are strongly recommended.

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Featuring the presentation from the June 16th Community Meetings. Q&A to follow.

Pre-registration is not required.

July 1, 2020 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting: CLICK HERE

Meeting ID: 842 7712 7595
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2. Welcome / Introductions » City of Livingston	5:15
3. Growth Policy Update -- Presentation » Consultant	5:20
4. Interactive Display Stations » Self-Guided	5:40
5. Meeting End	7:00

City of Livingston Growth Policy
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Today's Purpose

1. What is a Growth Policy? – review
2. Survey – results
3. Community Profile – key facts & findings
4. Next steps & timeline
5. Give your feedback on future growth areas – interactive display stations
6. Ensure that you can ask questions

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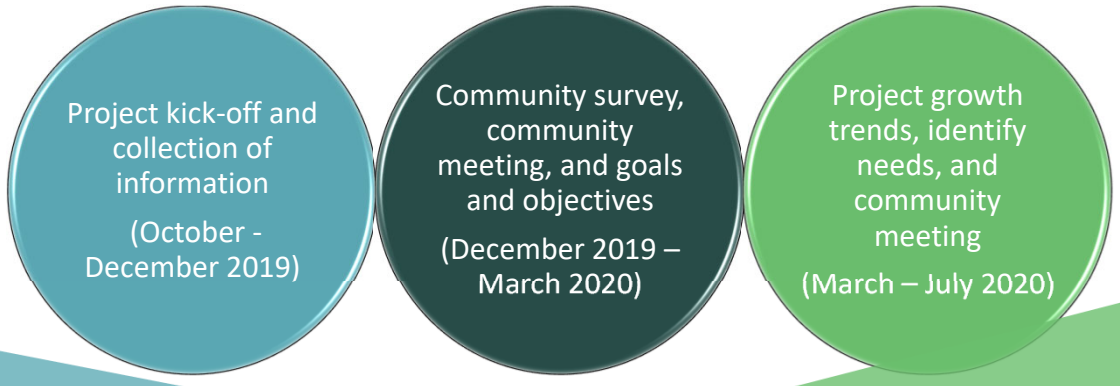

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Community Survey

December 12, 2019 – February 17, 2020

Survey Responses = 1,196

Respondent Age	
Under 18	.4%
18-24	3.0%
25-34	16.3%
35-44	21.8%
45-54	20.4%
55-64	21.30%
65+	15.75%

Place of Residence	
Within the city limits of Livingston	81.2%
In Park County outside of Livingston City Limits	24.7%
Elsewhere in Montana	3.3%
Out-of-state	3.9%

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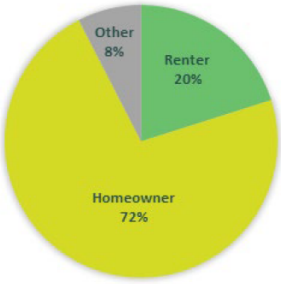
Community Survey

Household Yearly Gross Income Income Range	%
<$15,000	4.8%
$15,000 - $29,999	11.4%
$30,000 - $49,999	18.6%
$50,000 - $74,999	23.4%
$75,000 - $99,000	17.3%
$100,000 - $150,000	15.6%
Over $150,000	8.8%

Home Ownership



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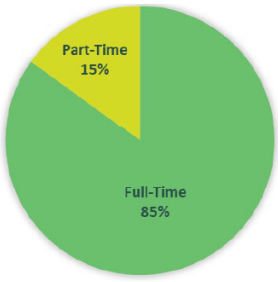

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Community Survey

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Most Popular Policies

- Attract skilled trade industries.
- Attract professional level jobs.
- Workforce development and training.
- Retention and expansion programs for existing businesses
- Buy local campaign.
- Redevelop railroad properties for economic development.
- Attract tech sector jobs.

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Community Survey

LAND USE

Most Popular Policies

- Regulate big-box stores (design standard, location, etc.).
- Limit the number of billboards.
- Discourage urban sprawl.
- Cluster homes to protect green space.

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Community Survey

INFRASTRUCTURE

Most Popular Policies

- The city should promote energy efficiency.
- New development should pay impact fees to help pay for upgrades to infrastructure.
- The city should promote resilient designs for infrastructure.
- The city should promote water conservation to reduce growth pressures on water and wastewater facilities.
- The city should plan for better broadband services.

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Community Survey

TRANSPORTATION

Most Popular Policies

- Build a new separated grade crossing on the west side of town.
- Design transportation improvements for people with disabilities.
- Design pedestrian-friendly transportation improvements.
- Invest in sidewalk and street improvements in older parts of town.

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Community Survey

NATURAL RESOURCES

Most Popular Policies

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- Discourage development in hazardous areas with steep slopes, poor soils, floodplain and other high-risk areas.
- Reduce waste and promote recycling in the city.
- Promote landscaped areas and preserve the urban forest.

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Community Survey

HOUSING

Most Popular Programs

- Weatherization - energy conservation.
- Allow residential units above first floor commercial spaces.
- Down payment assistance for first time home buyers.

Agree / Strongly Agree

- There is a shortage of rental units.
- It is difficult to recruit employees due to shortage of affordable housing units
- The cost to purchase a home is too high for the average worker.
- Rents are too high for the average worker.
- There are run-down homes in town that need repair.
- The city needs better regulations for short term rentals.

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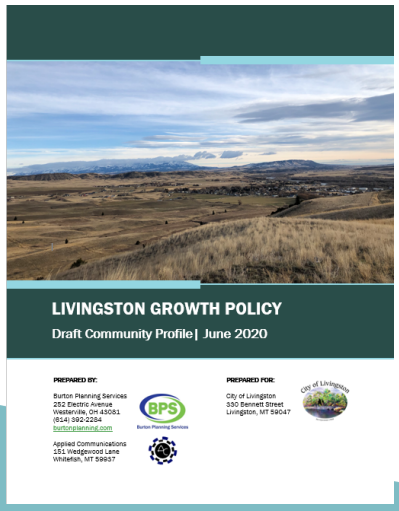
Community Profile



Topics:

- Population
- Land Use
- Natural Resources
- Housing
- Economy
- Local Services
- Transportation
- Public Facilities

Purpose:

- Describe the existing conditions of Livingston
- Help to identify the community's needs as growth occurs in the future

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Community Profile

Population:

- Growth Trends
- Aging Trends
- Disability
- Educational Attainment
- In-Out Migration
- Family Household Characteristics

Population is growing.
Could exceed 9,400 people by 2040.

Median age of people living here: 38.8 years old

12.3% of the population has a disability.

96% of the population graduated high school.

Average of 2.03 people per household

Over 1 in 4 households has a child under 18 years old.

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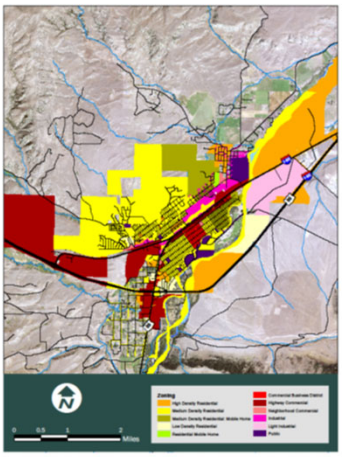
Community Profile

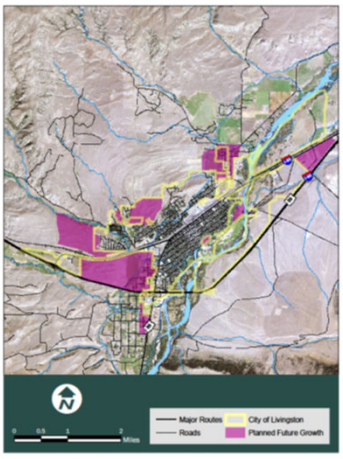
Land Use:

- Geography
- Land Use Patterns
- Gateways
- Downtown
- Open Space
- Health Hazards

Zoning Map



Future Growth Map (2017 Growth Policy)



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Community Profile

Natural Resources:

- Air Quality
- Water
- Wildlife / Conservation Lands
- Climate
- Soils
- Vegetation

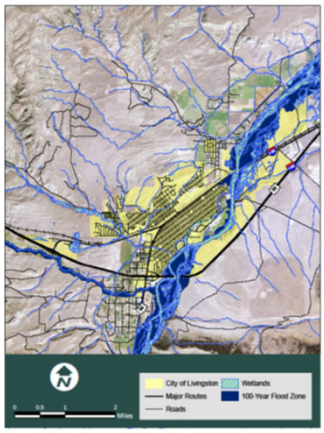
Smoke is an air quality concern (wildfires and open burning)

Abundant wildlife: game animals, non-game animals, trout and other fish

Invasive aquatic and plant species are a concern.

Expected temperature increases

Water Resources Map



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Community Profile

Housing:

- Occupancy & Use
- Affordability
- Housing Assistance

Housing Unit by Type

Type	Livingston		Park County	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1 Unit (Attached or Detached)	2,838	74.7%	7,547	78.9%
2-9 units	510	13.5%	801	8.4%
10-19 units	105	2.8%	115	1.2%
20+ Units	183	4.8%	183	1.9%
Mobile Homes	161	4.2%	907	9.5%
Boat, RV, Van	0	0%	15	0.2%

Housing Occupancy

Housing units, 2018	City of Livingston		Park County		United States	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Housing Units	3,797	100%	9,568	100%	136,384,292	100%
Owner Occupied	2,350	61.89%	5,314	55.5 %	76,444,810	56.1 %
Renter Occupied	1,271	33.4%	2,377	24.8 %	43,285,318	31.7 %
Vacant for Seasonal or Recreational Use	176	4.6%	1,877	19.6 %	16,654,164	12.2 %

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Community Profile

Economy:

- Current Trends & Data
- Educational Attainment
- Employment by Sector
- Business Profile
- Tourism
- Catalytic Projects

Economic Indicators

Economic Indicator	Livingston	Montana	Difference
Median Household Income (MHI)	$44,660	$55,328	-$10,668 (-19.3%)
Poverty	14.1%	13%	+ 1.1%

Largest employment sector: service industry

Overrepresented industries that rely on tourists: Food & beverage, gas stations, home furnishing stores, and auto parts & accessories

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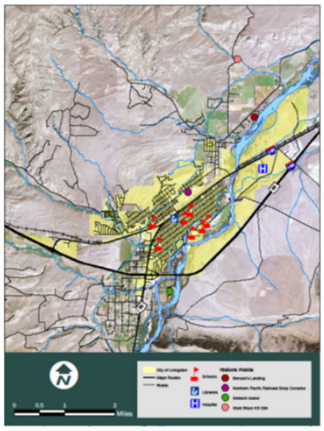
Community Profile

Local Services:

- Law Enforcement
- Health Providers
- Fire Protection & Medical Services
- Emergency Management & Hazard Mitigation
- School Facilities & Enrollment
- Library
- Historical & Cultural Sites

Local Services Map



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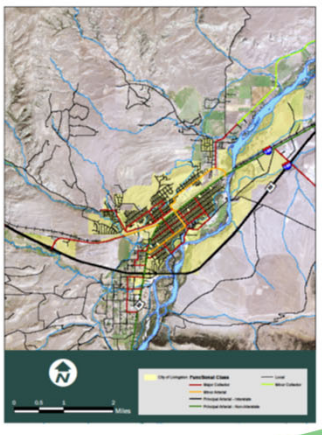
Community Profile

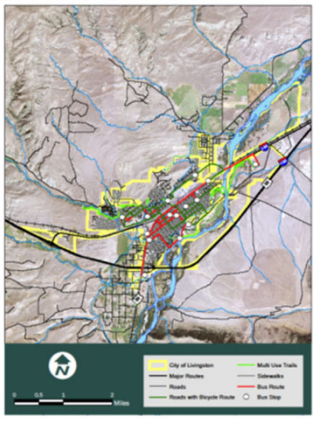
Transportation:

- Road Network
- Traffic Counts
- Vehicle Trips/Miles Traveled
- Roadway Safety
- Commuting Patterns
- Transportation Choices
- Transit Information & Policies
- Active Transportation
- Rail
- Aviation
- Transportation & Land Use Relationship

Road Network Map



Transportation Choices Map



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Community Profile

Public Facilities:

- Public Wastewater Facilities
- Water Supply
- Storm Water Management
- Parks – Recreation
- Energy Sources & Renewable Energy
- Solid Waste & Recycling
- Broadband Services

Updates to storm water network are needed.

Approximately 100 acres of parkland within the City

Ample electric and natural gas capacity for future growth. Renewable energy options.

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Community Profile

Check the website later this week for the Community Profile!

http://burtonplanning.com/LivingstonGrowthPolicy/

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Next Steps

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Interactive Display Stations

What is your vision for Livingston's future growth?

- Work at your own pace
- Practice social-distancing
- Share your opinions
  - Leave hand-written comments on the table today – or –
  - Type your comments **by 12 PM on June 23** at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LivingstonGPMeeting

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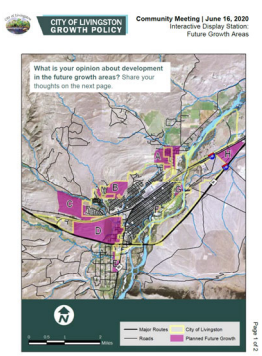
Interactive Display Stations

What is your vision for Livingston's future growth?

- **Display Station #1**
  Visual Preference Survey results
- **Display Station #2**
  Future Growth Areas
- **Display Station #3**
  Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction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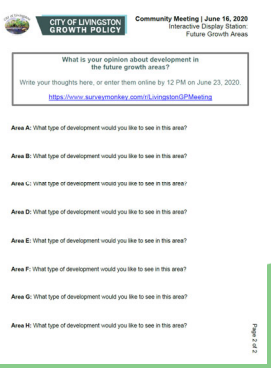
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Area A: What type of development would you like to see in this area?

Area B: What type of development would you like to see in this area?

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Other Questions?

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City of Livingston Growth Policy
Visual Preference Survey Results

1

Neighborhoods

- No cookie cutter development
- Love the concepts as long as they are affordable.
- Use green systems and technology
- Of course neighborhoods, but how are these images communicating neighborhoods or their unique quality and character?
- Boring subdivision – carbon copies look cheap, no character

2

Neighborhoods

- The character of neighborhoods develop over time. Not all areas have mature trees forever. Responsible people, maintain their property and contribute to neighborhood or community character.
- Connect parks with safe trail connectivity between neighborhoods, downtown and all around town.
- Pedestrian/bike routes
- Parks withing walking distance
- 5-Stars

3

Neighborhoods

- Livingston's south side older neighborhoods are a better goal
- Protective of – Quiet, night sky, children play areas, elderly
- Tree lined & diverse architecture. One-off houses with standards like no chain link fences.
- No more AirBnB or VRBO

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Neighborhoods

- Diverse neighborhoods – renters, owners, young people, elders & those in between provide opportunities to learn from each other, understand different points of view and grow strong as a community!!

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Neighborhoods

- I have concern that risk of too many AirBnBs = less investment in well-being of local community
- Downtown rehabs with questionable infrastructure components for $250-300,000 is not necessarily a good community investment; It's a bit of individual greed.

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Accessory Dwellings/Small Homes

- Yes – improves density, affordability and builds community relations
- Place houses strategically on lot with green spaces
- 10 Stars

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Accessory Dwellings/Small Homes

- Tinies, too! ADUs zero minimum s.f. = focus on function not size
- 8 stars

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Accessory Dwellings/Small Homes

- Concepts for affordable housing:
  - Pocket neighborhood – close to shopping & recreation areas
  - Smaller dwellings (1200 s.f. or less) for elderly-active, disabled, single folks
  - 6 stars

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Accessory Dwellings/Small Homes

- Restrictions on AirBnB which turns neighborhoods bad

  5 stars

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Mixed Use

- Multi-story. Build up rather than out.
- Mixed use is vital for our downtown to be lively, healthy and have density.
- Use green technology and systems.
- I believe strongly in mixed use residential mixed with business. Trees!
- 7 stars

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Multi-Family

- Yes for multifamily if some units are reserved for low income housing
- 6-stars

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Multi-Family

- Need greenspace – need diversity
- 7-stars

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Multi-Family

- Multifamily is great – but these are not good examples of quality that build place.
- Multi-family can incorporate green space and be designed in a way that allows each dwelling to have individual distinctions. These photos don't show that.

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Renewable Energy

- Let the sunshine in!
- Yes!! Must use local carbon from natural resources (sun) for local benefit. Local cost savings.
- 19 stars

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Renewable Energy

- Are there wind farms that can be lowered & raised, also not blocking scenery?
- No, if local socio-economic benefit is not realized
- No bird killers
- Coal kills more wildlife
- 4-stars

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Public Art

- Incorporate art into trails areas.
- More local-supported art in parks & public spaces
- 5 stars

- Awfully Fishy!
- 9 stars

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Historic Features

- Nice recycling
- 9 stars

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Historic Features

7 stars

8 stars

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Historic Features

- It's history. Can't it be fixed up?
- 8 stars

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Scenic Vistas

- Without the scenic vistas, Livingston loses its charm – hence its future
- 11 stars

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Scenic Vistas

- Maintain hard edge of city – No sprawl
- Keep the night skies dark
- Parks and trails for all neighborhoods
- 7 stars

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Open space

- Leave open – no buildings
- Open space – trails. Connect these areas to town with trails
- Barren areas needs trees, shrubs, bushes – something to enhance – can be native and low maintenance. (No! leave as is. It's not decimated, it's natural!)
- 9 stars

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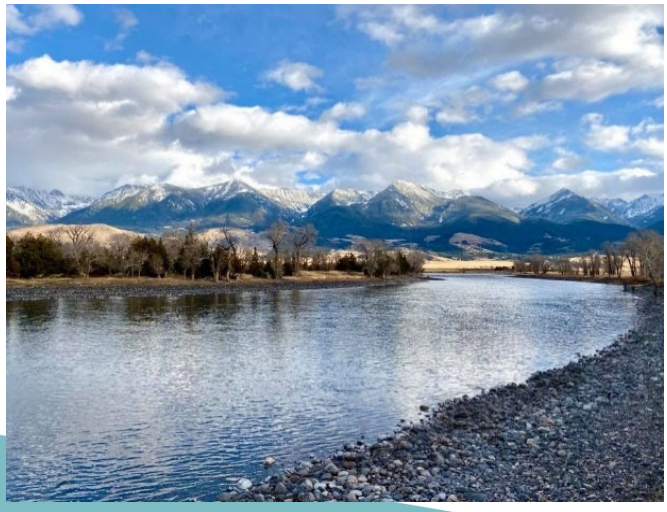
Natural Areas



- Let nature be nature & explain to tourists why – via signs
- Conservation, climate adaptability, permaculture, local foods ….
- Use permaculture techniques. Let's plant native plants and use water techniques that help town and land.
- 13 stars

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Downtown

- No high rises – 3 to 4 stories at most
- Varied types of fronts; varied styles of architecture
- Streetscapes that are comfortable to walk (scale, safety, planting, entrances…) make the best downtowns
- 5 stars

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Downtown

- Good historical Perspective
- Not a fan of the railing
- Need flags or banners on flagpoles

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Downtown - Examples

- I love the green areas.
- Mixed use neighborhoods! Increase pedestrian lifestyles.
- 13 stars

- Business area, enhancements, pedestrian friendly
- Bike racks
- 7 stars

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Downtown

- Would like to see a parking structure in downtown area
- Need more parking. Parking garage?

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Commercial – Highway Development

No strips

These concrete landscapes demoralize people

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Commercial – Highway Development

- If we have more of this in the future, it needs to be at Livingston's eastern or western exists; not Exit 333
- No to big box retail

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Commercial – Highway Development

- Light & Noise pollution at truck stops
- Preserve our rural starscape.
- Dark Skies! Plan for night lighting

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Signs with Favorable Ratings

The Murray, Stockman & Dan Baily are the best signs on the board. They are specific and have character.

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Signs with Unfavorable Ratings

- Reduce billboards

- Bad signage destroys city quality
- Regulate around design of signs

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Parking Lots

- Unfavorable ratings
- Worst
- Large parking needs can be broken up into smaller joined units and greenery
- No wide open parking; gets real confusing

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Parking Lots

- Nice greenery
- Landscaping – green spaces
- Pedestrian only areas – bike pathways
- Native varieties
- Parking – greenery, trees, benches
- Low maintenance

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Landscaping

- Shade trees – maintain ones in city area
- Agri-hoods, edible landscapes, Community gardens!
- Less water consuming lawns

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Landscaping

- Landscaping – Native Plants - Low water use
- Small planted areas in built-up areas – greenspace
- Low water usage – The aquifer is not limitless
- Let's use permaculture techniques

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Transportation

- Nice design, landscaping
- Walking path
- Would like to see an art installation on the underpass walls. Beautify. (Agreed!)

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Transportation

- 3 Rated Favorable & 3 Rated Unfavorable
- Solution for Sacpark Triangle – Remove stoplights
- Don't like roundabouts
- Hwy 10 PFL
- Possible underpass to north side with roundabout

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Transportation

- Safe bike routes
- Yes to bike share but education on safety in the streets is necessary for bikers & drivers
- 6 stars

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Public Transportation

- More outside town then implement public transport! Can't build for cars forever.
- Train system enlarged – depot locations

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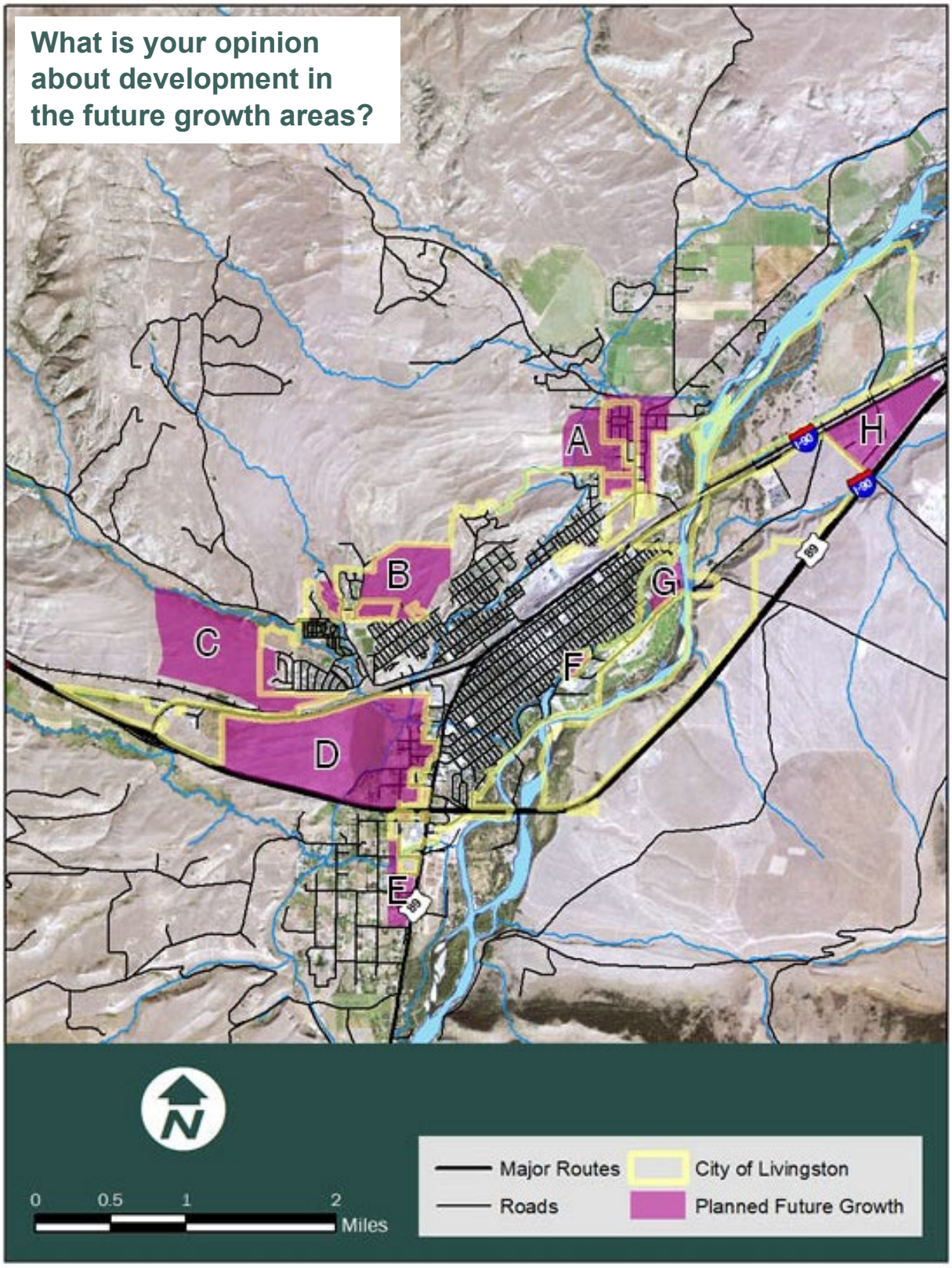
Livingston Growth Policy Update

Summary of Responses about Future Growth & ETJ

Online survey from June 16 and July 1 Community Meetings



Area A

This question received 72 total comments. Most participants generally support development in this area. A few (about nine) comments indicated “no support” for development in area A, with some participants with no opinion on this subject.

A few respondents specifically indicated the area to be developed as a mixed-use neighborhood with residential, neighborhood commercial needs, institutional, light industrial, and with parks and open space. If development is considered in the area, it will be important to have public transport, enough infrastructure to support development, grocery stores, emergency services, gas stations, etc.

Several participants highlighted the need to address the railway intersection at Bennet St, that is not safe for pedestrians or bikers to cross currently, if development is considered in area A. Also, linking access to northside trails is mentioned.

- **Residential**
    - Majority (about 22) of the comments support residential development in the area. Participants support a mixed housing variety (single, multifamily, duplex, condo/vertical, apartment, accessory, etc.) that is also affordable. Several comments indicated it as a good place for tiny homes.
    - Dense development could be considered in this area to match the neighboring areas. Avoid cul de sacs.
    - One participant highlighted development will be better in flat areas, not hilly regions.
    - Participants highlighted the importance of making it a mixed-use area with separated walking/biking connectivity to downtown and commercial areas.
    - Participants also mentioned improving the area streetscape with trees and other infrastructure.
- Commercial
    - Commercial use complementary to residential area can be considered along the highway for instance.
- Institutional
    - Having schools, grocery stores, gas stations in the area was mentioned.
- Industrial
    - If considered, light use only
- Parks and Open Space
    - About eight to ten comments support having parks and open space in the area.
    - Leaving this as an open space could also address the need for septic and sewer issues.
    - If considering a park, good to have it centrally located surrounded by mixed-use development or use hillside areas.

Area B

This question received 70 comments. There is a general support for development in this area. About 13 comments indicate “no support” especially due to the lack of infrastructure, risking existing wildlife or sensitive topology, risking sprawl and distance from center, and issues with railroad crossing.

Several participants (about 10 comments) wish to see mixed-use development with residential, institutional, commercial, light industrial, and park/open spaces. Other aspects to consider included infill

development, using existing infrastructure, planning for pedestrian connectivity, emergency and transit services, gas stations, grocery store, etc. Extension of underground infrastructure could be a challenge given the bedrock features.

Like area A, addressing issues with the railroad crossing and related congestion is highlighted if development is considered in area B.

- **Residential**
    - Majority comments (17) indicate the area could be developed as a mixed residential space with a variety of housing types.
    - Topology should be considered in deciding housing type and style.
    - Participants suggest avoiding sprawl and wish for housing affordable by all income groups.
- Commercial
    - Considered complementary to residential.
- Institutional
    - Considered complementary to residential such as grocery stores, gas stations, etc.
- Industrial
    - One comment indicated that the area be used as industrial along with parks/open space.
- Parks and Open Space
    - About seven supportive comments received for maintaining area B as an open/park space.
    - Comments reflected that the area is hilly with strong winds.
    - There isn't much access to infrastructure, food, and transportation modes either.
    - Developing this area with recreational facilities is also suggested.

Area C

This question received 71 comments. Several (13) comments indicate **development in the area may not be feasible** (especially northern and western region) due to lack of infrastructure, presence of wetlands and other naturally sensitive areas, possibility of sprawl (not desirable) that may cause extra traffic, and it may not safe for walking/biking/children. Couple of participants indicated that development here might lead Livingston to become a bedroom community for Bozeman.

General support was indicated for development in area C, some indicating specific conditions that first need to be satisfied. A few participants support the idea of a mixed-use development including residential, neighborhood specific commercial, light industrial, institutional and park space with trails and bike parks.

Similar to Area A and B, the railroad crossing issue remains necessary to be addressed before considering development here.

- **Residential**
    - Residential development received general support. Some indicated having mixed housing type while some said single family and tiny homes would be good.
    - Avoid sprawl in all cases. Density could help with sprawl and affordability.

    - Residential development should be accompanied with green space, connectivity to downtown via biking and walking.
- Commercial
    - A couple of comments supported commercial development here, while another indicated placing strip commercial development in some other location.
- Institutional
    - Considered complementary to residential such as grocery stores, gas stations, etc.
- Industrial
    - Couple of comments support industrial use along with park/open space.
- Parks and Open Space
    - Some responses are in favor of maintaining the area as an open/park space with trails (also connecting to Bozeman) especially due to its proximity to creeks and supporting wildlife.

Area D

This question received a total of 72 comments. Development in this area was generally well received. It is indicated that this may be a private property and not available for development. Participants indicated that topology also supports development with flat land availability. In addition, proximity to the center, general accessibility and infrastructure makes it further feasible. Participants suggested focusing development closer to the city center and along the highway.

About 10 comments indicated either no support or highlight factors such as wetlands and traffic, that discourage development in this area. Development should proceed with caution.

Apart from the below mentioned specific use types, mixed use development is favored. Several combinations are suggested from residential+commercial, residential+parks, industrial+parks, to all development types mixed. Additional need for traffic planning, infrastructure planning, accessibility through walking and biking, height and density regulations, and preserving wetlands are highlighted. In all cases, sprawl is undesirable.

Area D does not face the railroad crossing challenges like the other areas do.

- Residential
    - There is a general support for housing in the area, especially multifamily and affordable housing. Some indicated a mixed housing development could be considered.
    - Attention to be given to noise and pollution due to proximity to the interstate.
- **Commercial**
    - Commercial use in the area is suggested along with residential use. A couple of comments recommended commercial only. Along the highway 10 could be a feasible location. Suggestions to avoid strip malls were made.
    - This area as an extension of businesses on Park St., and businesses like Shopko and woods rose, are also recommended. Collaboration with BNSF for an underpass system is mentioned.
- Institutional
- Industrial

    - This area received comments in favor of industrial development given its location between interstate and railroad.
- Parks and Open Space
    - Few respondents (about 4) support maintaining the area as a park or open space.

Area E

This question received a total of 68 comments. Of these 12 comments specifically indicated development here is not a good idea/is not supported by them. General acceptance for development, especially infill development was received. Residential and commercial development is most preferred.

Comments indicated support for higher density mixed-use development including walkable and bikeable spaces. Managing traffic and congestion was highlighted as important for successful development several times.

A few participants shared they were unable to locate this area and/or have no opinion regarding development here.

- **Residential**
    - Residential development received reasonable support with suggestions to focus on increasing density. Apartments, single and multi-family homes are recommended.
    - Some suggested a mix of all housing types to allow affordability.
    - Additionally, having bike/walk connections, paved roads and well-maintained streets, and traffic management is important.
- **Commercial**
    - Commercial development in this area received high support (over 15 comments) compared to any other area.
    - Several comments voted for infill development, said avoid sprawl and strip mall effect.
    - This area could also have a gateway feature or developed as a TIF district to be attractive and welcoming to tourists.
- Institutional
    - Little support but okay as mixed use along with commercial.
- Industrial
    - Industrial received two supportive comments. Generally, not preferred for this area.
- Parks and Open Space
    - Less support (only two comments) compared to other areas

Area F

This question received 65 comments. A significant 14 comments indicated no support for further growth, more than what may already be present, in this area due to proximity to the river and lack of sufficient infrastructure.

Comparatively, this area received fewer comments supporting mixed-use development. Comments indicated development (some housing) already exists in the area and were unsure what more could be done. Some stated proximity to the floodplain is important for this area while planning and developing it further.

- **Residential**

    - Residential development in this area is highly favored.
    - Both multi-family and single-family housing recommendations are seen. Some also suggest accessory and tiny homes.
    - Overall, high density residential is preferred due to the area's proximity to schools, parks, trails, etc.
    - Care to be taken to ensure affordability and its proximity to floodplain. Also plan to plant trees and improve safety with residential development.
- Commercial
    - Just one supportive comment for commercial infill in this area.
- Institutional
- Industrial
- **Parks and Open Space**
    - A significant 13 comments stated the desire to see a park or open space in this area with walk/bike connectivity to downtown.

Area G

Total 68 comments for this question. Majority participants (42) do not support growth in this area. They have either indicated no growth/development of any sort or preserve the area as a park space. Further, they said that the presence of brownfields, floodplain, and river in the area makes is unsuitable for growth.

Infill development on existing parking lots is suggested. Few comments recommended mixed use development (institutional+parks, residential+parks+commercial, residential+parks+institutional).

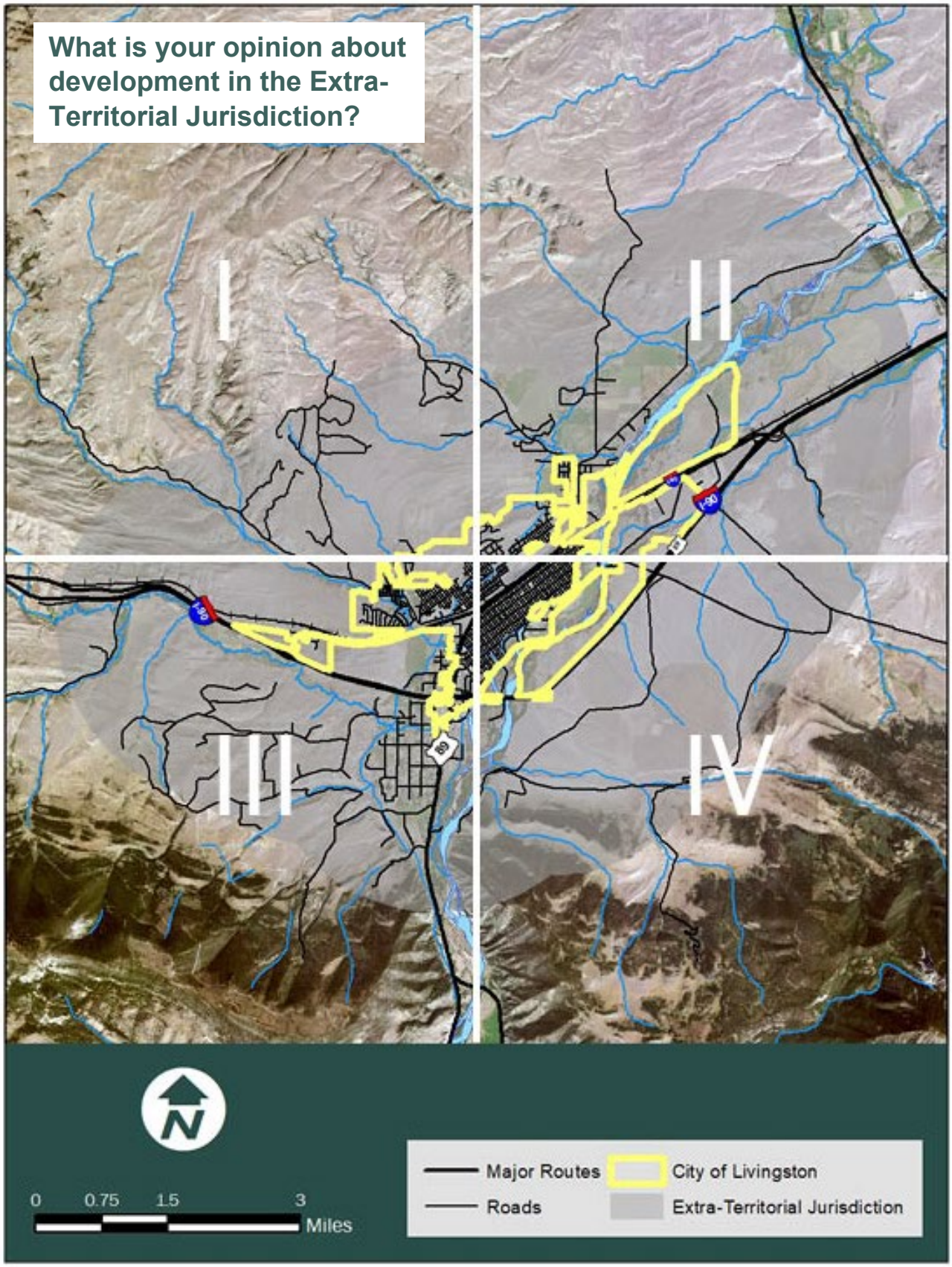
- Residential
    - Compared to other areas, area G received lesser support for residential development. However, after parks, this received some support.
    - Comments indicated residential units of a mixed and affordable variety can be accommodated here.
- Commercial
- Institutional
- Industrial
- **Parks and Open Space**
    - Most preferred choice for this area
    - In addition, participants indicated having walk and bike connectivity to downtown as well as a bridge over the river (at Mayor's landing).
    - Also indicated is that this area is polluted and is an EPA designated brownfield. Hence, development here is not desirable. Environmental sensitivity of the area further adds to this concern.
    - It is already popular as a dog park and for boating. Can be maintained that way and enhanced as a greenspace with more trees, etc. Participants said that this area could be the greenspace, the existing dense city needs.
    - Some participants referred to the working along with the Girls Scouts group towards maintaining this area.

Area H

Area H received 67 comments of which about 15 do not support any growth in the area. There is a general support for development in the area. Some concerns relate to its proximity to the interstate, floodplains, water and sewage planning, and maintaining the visual appeal of the area.

A few participants suggested a mixed-use development along with some residential (apartment, affordable units, senior housing) along with parks, hotels, hospital, light commercial. Additionally, development must consider walk/bike paths and trails within and around the area.

- Residential
    - Residential development received little support. Smaller neighborhood pockets and proximity to the interstate could be good for some housing here but could become a commuter town.
    - Mixed variety and affordable housing are recommended by some along with trails and connectivity to downtown.
- Commercial
    - Travel shops and truck stops (like Love's) received support since area is close to the interstate and supports the hospital, but also some disapproval as it could be sprawl inducing and make the place "ugly".
    - Connectivity (walk/bike) is important for commercial development in the area.
- Institutional
- **Industrial**
    - Compared to any other area, area H received most support for industrial development, mostly light industrial.
    - Participants also raised concerns to ensure development does not lead to sprawl.
    - Along with industrial, a mixed-use option with parks, commercial, institutional, are also recommended by some.
    - Some mentioned development that supports the existing hospital would be good.
- Parks and Open Space
    - A few (about 6) comments support park development in the area and along the river. One recommendation was to look into having fairgrounds, rodeo grounds, or RV park here.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City of Livingston
Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction

Quad 1

- Do you have concerns about development here?
    - Overall, opinions with concerns exceeded those participants without any concern about development in Quadrant I.
    - **Major concerns reflected environmental topics, lack of infrastructure and accessibility, as well as possibility of development induced sprawl.** Participants said that if development is considered here, it should be done in an environmental sensitive manner and keeping in mind resource capacity.
    - Environmental concerns include wildlife, loss of habitat, erosion, water quality, pollution, and general ecological concerns. Participants said that maintaining this region as open/park space with trails and recreational facilities could be a good idea.
    - Development could lead to sprawl is a major concern among many respondents, especially in the direction of Bozeman.
    - A general lack of infrastructure and accessibility in the area is a concern such as railroad crossing issues, traffic congestion and emergency flow obstructions, lack of walk/bike facilities, and road infrastructure. Other infrastructure for living will also be needed.
    - Some respondents raised the above concerns but recommended options that could be considered such as, focus on infill development and low-lying areas, low-density mixed-use residential/institutional/commercial development, river setbacks, build walk/bike facilities, light commercial activities, and supporting sustainable and local food, livestock and artisan community in the area.
- What do you see as opportunities for development here?
    - About 14 comments indicated there are no opportunities for development in this region and should not be developed.
    - **Among other comments, opportunities identified included primarily residential, open/park space, and mixed-use development**
    - With respect to residential, comments highlight needs for infill and affordable housing keeping in mind the need for infrastructure expansion and traffic plan to support. Individual comments indicate opportunity for single, multi, and townhouses.
    - Several people prefer to see the region conserved as an open space with wildlife habitat and rural environment or developed as a park with trails. One comment expressed interest in having a golf course.
    - Mixed-use development is reflected as a possible opportunity with residential, open/park space, trail systems, grocery store, school, etc., as a part of a comprehensive neighborhood.
    - Other comments identified that region is close to the interstate, hence has high potential. Some development is already taking place.

Quad 2

- Do you have concerns about development here?
    - About 17 comments simply stated that they have concerns with development in the region

    - **Other comments indicate that people have concerns with due to primarily the risk of harming the natural environment or inducing sprawl.** Of these some wouldn't mind seeing development provided it is done carefully to avoid negative impacts.
    - Majority concerns are towards environmental damage. Participants said that river may be impacted and polluted along with its wildlife habitat, hence setbacks are important. Wildlife migration paths may also be impacted. Some recommended maintaining it as an open space with trails, while not effecting the viewshed either. Development focused on low-lying areas is suggested by some.
    - The next biggest concern is sprawl and lack of access and infrastructure in the region. Development should avoid sprawl and promote walkability/bike-ability; sprawl may further lay stress on infrastructure needs that may already be lacking in the region. Preference is to infill and develop closer to existing infrastructure first.
    - A few different comments were received that include suggestions to develop the area as commercial that is not big chains (or an eyesore), single or multifamily residential, and light industrial. Some mentioned improving access to the hospital and avoid light pollution close to the hospital.
- What do you see as opportunities for development here?
    - General support for development in this region was received. Limiting growth to flatlands would not obstruct viewsheds, but railroad crossing issues may interrupt growth in the region.
    - A number of comments indicate a **mixed and affordable residential** development would be suitable along with some open space and increased accessibility in the region. Care to be taken regarding availability of infrastructure and not disturbing the natural environment drastically.
    - A few comments support open space here preserving the rural and wildlife environment
    - **Mixed-use development** is identified as an opportunity here with mixed-residential, park space and trails, schools, shops, restaurants, offices, and good connectivity within the region and to downtown.
    - Few comments state commercial development as an opportunity, while some disagree.
    - About 10 comments generally disagree that there is an opportunity in this region

Quad 3

- Do you have concerns about development here?
    - Several comments indicated concerns with development in this region especially in the hilly areas. Along the interstate could be a better area to focus on according to some participants.
    - **Of all the concerns, environmental, sprawl and access related, as well as traffic related concerns were the most.**
    - Of all, environmental concerns were stated by several participants. In addition to preservation of open space and wildlife, concerns are raised regarding flooding and septic issues in the region. Development could include trails for public access.
    - The next greatest concern was related to lack of infrastructure and accessibility in the region. Participants said that sprawl is not desirable and if development occurs, it should be walkable/bikeable.

    - Another concern raised is traffic and congestion control that would come along with development. Existing roads may not be sufficient for additional traffic. New roads may not be financially feasible.
    - A general concern regarding development in this region is sprawl and it becoming a bedroom community to Bozeman.
    - Seven comments indicate no concern in general.
- What do you see as opportunities for development here?
    - Generally, people stated this quadrant has both urban and rural opportunities also due to proximity to the interstate.
    - Majority of the opportunities listed by participants are of **mixed-use development type.** With residential + Commercial + Open/Park being most recommended, other mixed-use suggestions and some specific suggestions include – restaurant, hospitality, light industrial, golf course, sports field. Some aspects to take into consideration while planning of development in this region are – traffic and congestion planning, wildlife and migratory habits of animals, protect riparian and sensitive areas, connectivity within and to downtown, broadband and other community services, height restrictions, and avoid sprawl.
    - Some participants focused on a single development type in their comments. This included having mixed and affordable housing, retaining it as an open space or developing public trails and recreation outdoor spaces, and relevant commercial uses.
    - About 10 comments state that no opportunity exists in this region.

Quad 4

- Do you have concerns about development here?
    - Several (about 17) comments generally stated the have concerns with development in Quadrant IV.
    - **Environmental concerns were the highest recorded** with participants saying development could lead to destruction of natural resources, watersheds, and wildlife; disrupt the views; impact public health and safety; and related environmental damage. If developed, should have enough setbacks and create public access recreational land with trails.
    - The other major concern is the lack of infrastructure and utilities in the region as well as risk of causing traffic congestions due to lack of accessibility. Accessibility will also be required for emergency access. Sprawl, again, is very undesirable.
    - Some participants have noted that the area has strong winds and may be unsuitable for residential development.
- What do you see as opportunities for development here?
    - Quite a few participants (21 comments) indicated there is no opportunity for development here, or development should not occur. A few were unsure.
    - Among others who identified some opportunities, **having parks and open space in the area stood out.** Suggestions stated to either leave the land as it is or to develop it for outdoor recreation with public access trails. Possibility to look into sustainable agri/tourism economy.
    - Some suggested housing closer to the interstate and town center.

- Other development should be infill development, maybe light industrial and commercial, sustainable-tourism industry, or a wind/solar farm.

Open Comments

Generally, People of Livingston are concerned about preserving their natural environment. They do not wish to see sprawl, and cul-de-sacs, in their city due to uncontrolled growth, neither do they want to see Livingston become a commuter town to Bozeman. Comments reflect sentiments towards preserving the rural and natural environment of Livingston, its wildlife, and water bodies and parks. Views of the hills are also important.

Majority of the comments suggest well-planned controlled and slow growth, only what is required. Mixed-use development is most preferable, followed by residential and park space development. While planning any development, infill and redevelopment should be prioritized as well as creating walkable and bikeable connectivity in the City. For residential, affordable and density housing is mentioned several times.

Infrastructure and traffic planning are crucial for development to avoid heavy cost burdens and congestion, pollution, health impact, etc. Critical for development is also planning safety around the railroad crossing.

Comments on the planning process and related

A few comments were made on the survey and the planning process. A couple of participants appreciated the effort and said planning is an important exercise. Care must be taken to not go with "one-size-fits-all" approach. A couple of participants said the survey structure could have been better, and quite a few found the boundaries on the maps not easy to read

Overall summary of possible use by Area and Quadrant

Area A – Residential

Area B – Residential

Area C – No development, Residential

Area D – Mixed-use, Commercial

Area E – No development, Commercial

Area F – Residential, Park/Open

Area G – Park / Open

Area H – Industrial

Quad I – Open/Park, Residential, Mixed-use

Quad II – Open/Park, Residential, Mixed-use

Quad III – Mixed-use

Quad IV – Open / Park

Livingston Growth Policy Update
Community Meeting Summary

June 16, 2020 | 12:00 pm & 5:00 pm

- Comments on population projections. The underlying assumption for potential population of 9,400 people by 2040 is based on a 1% annual growth rate (average). This is a mid-range projection. The data profile includes a range with 8,400 as a low range (based on the MT. Dept. of Commerce projections). It is important to explain the methodology behind the projections.

- Several people noticed that real estate sales in the past few have months have increased significantly. Since telecommuting has become more common due to the Covid-19 situation, more people are interested in living in rural areas like Livingston. This should be accounted for. Also discuss the how population growth is related to the high rates of growth in Bozeman.

- There were questions about how the Covid-19 might alter economic trends and how to reflect this in the document. There were also concerns that the survey was conducted prior to the Covid-19 emergency declaration and that people might have different priorities than they did when they took the survey.

- There were questions about planning in the ETJ and how that would relate to zoning. It was noted that the Growth Policy would include future land use map that included the ETJ but zoning in the unincorporated area would have to be coordinated with the County.

- Show the vacant land adjacent to the hospital as a future growth area. There are plans to develop the area as a mixed-use residential development. This is not consistent with the current zoning.

- There should be policies to encourage mixed-use development through zoning.

- Include policy to require trail connectivity for new development through subdivision regulations.

- Include policy to develop design standards for multi-family. Attractive apartments with green space will get more community support.

- The survey indicated the highest need for rental units, so the Growth Policy needs to address this. Lack of support for policies to encourage new multi-family developments might be due to lack of understanding as to how policies would work. Explanation of policies and photos with examples of good/desirable multi-family will help.

- Include policies for local food/urban farming/community gardens.

- Questions about process for Planning Board review and City Council approval.

- Recommend that the City undertake a Downtown Planning process.

- Broadband is becoming more important due to Covid-19. More people are telecommuting, more telemedicine and distance learning. There is an issue regarding households that lack broadband and how to make it accessible for school age children who need it for classes. Add policy to address the digital divide issues.

- Consider health impacts as part of growth policy. Examples – air quality, walkability, access to local foods, etc. Add policy specifically for healthy communities.

Surveys

Two surveys were used to gather the community's opinions throughout the Growth Policy Update process. The Community Survey was available online and in printed format at locations throughout the community from December 12, 2019 through February 17, 2020. The purpose of the Community Survey was to assess the community's opinions and ideas on priorities related to growth in Livingston.

The mini survey on community character was a follow-up to the Community Survey and Community Meeting, reflecting a common theme of wanting to preserve Livingston's character. The survey was available online from May 19, 2020 through June 4, 2020.

The survey questions, responses, and summaries are included on the following pages.

LIVINGSTON GROWTH POLICY
COMMUNITY SURVEY

The City of Livingston has begun a process to update to the 2017 Growth Policy. The City seeks to update the Growth Policy to reflect the needs and desires of the community and to provide meaningful guidance for the City for future land use decisions. Responses to this survey are an important part of this process.

1. Please indicate your age. Check the option that applies.

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18-24
- ☐ 25-34
- ☐ 35-44
- ☐ 45-54
- ☐ 55-64
- ☐ 65+

2. Where is your full-time residence? Check the option that applies.

- ☐ Within the city limits of Livingston
- ☐ In Park County outside of Livingston city limits
- ☐ Elsewhere in Montana
- ☐ Out-of-state

3. Please select the choice(s) that best describes your current housing situation. Check all that apply.

- ☐ Homeowner
- ☐ Renter
- ☐ Full-time resident
- ☐ Seasonal resident
- ☐ Other (please specify)

4. What is your household income level? Check the option that applies.

- ☐ Under $15,000
- ☐ Between $15,000 and $29,999
- ☐ Between $30,000 and $49,999
- ☐ Between $50,000 and $74,999
- ☐ Between $75,000 and $99,999
- ☐ Between $100,000 and $150,000
- ☐ Over $150,000

5. Please indicate the importance of the following economic development policies.

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important	No Opinion
Promote tourism.					
Attract professional level jobs.					
Attract service jobs.					
Attract skilled trade industries.					
Attract light manufacturing jobs.					
Attract tech sector jobs.					
Offer tax incentives to attract new businesses.					
Retention and expansion programs for existing businesses					
Buy local campaign.					
Workforce development and training.					
Promote telework/telecommuting jobs.					
Redevelop railroad properties for economic development.					

6. Indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Agree	No Opinion
The city has adequate land available for new single-family development.					
The city has adequate land available for new multifamily development.					
The city has adequate land available for new commercial development.					

Question 6 continued from Page 2.	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Agree	No Opinion
The city has adequate land available for new manufacturing development.					
The city has adequate programs for historic preservation.					
The city has adequate programs and planning for downtown development.					

7. Please indicate the importance of the following land use policies.

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important	No Opinion
Regulate big-box stores (design standards, special use, location).					
Cluster homes to protect green space.					
Limit the number of billboards.					
Discourage urban sprawl.					
Improve landscaping standards for parking lots and commercial developments.					
Discourage strip development on major transportation corridors.					
Establish gateway signage, landscaping, design standards at Interstate exits.					

8. Please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Agree	No Opinion
Rents are too high for the average worker.					
The cost to purchase a home is too high for the average worker.					
There is a shortage of rental units.					
There are run-down homes in town that need repair.					
The city needs better regulations for short term rentals (Airbnb, HomeAway, etc.).					
It is difficult to recruit employees due to shortage of affordable housing units					

9. Which type of housing is most needed in Livingston? Check all options that apply.

- ☐ Rental apartments
- ☐ Condominiums
- ☐ Senior or disabled apartments
- ☐ Small/Tiny Homes for sale or rent
- ☐ Assisted living
- ☐ For Sale homes standard size
- ☐ Manufactured/Mobile home park
- ☐ Duplexes-Townhomes (standard size)

10. Please indicate your level of support for various housing programs for Livingston.

	Do Not Support	Somewhat Support	Support	Strongly Support	No Opinion
Down payment assistance for first time home buyers.					
New subsidized rental units.					
Weatherization - energy conservation.					

Question 10 continued from Page 4.	Do Not Support	Somewhat Support	Support	Strongly Support	No Opinion
Deed restrictions for permanent affordable homes					
Allow accessory dwelling units in residential areas.					
Density bonus for affordable housing.					
Land banking (reserve land for affordable units).					
Allow residential units above first floor commercial spaces.					

11. Please indicate the importance of the following policies regarding natural resources.

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important	No Opinion
Protect natural areas such as floodplains, wetlands, wildlife habitat.					
Enact appropriate measures to protect water quality in the Yellowstone River.					
Enact appropriate measures to protect ground water resources.					
Reduce non-point water pollution through best practices for stormwater management.					
Discourage development in hazardous areas with steep slopes, poor soils, floodplain and other high-risk areas.					
Support clean-up of contaminated brownfields and superfund properties.					
Reduce waste and promote recycling in the city.					
Coordinate with the county to reduce risk from potential wildfires.					
Control for noxious weeds and encourage use of native, drought resistance plants.					
Promote practices that result in good, healthy air quality.					
Promote landscaped areas and preserve the urban forest.					
Promote practices to reduce potential human-wildlife conflict					

12. Please indicate the importance of the following policies.

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important	No Opinion
Develop a community wide interconnected trail system in town.					
Build a new separated grade crossing on the west side of town.					
Expand transit services in town.					
Expand transit services from Livingston to Bozeman.					
Expand park-n-ride opportunities to major employment centers.					
Invest in sidewalk and street improvements in older parts of town.					
Provide charging stations for electric vehicles.					
Promote policies for bike share, e-bikes, e-scooters and other micro mobility services.					
Design pedestrian-friendly transportation improvements.					
Design transportation improvements for people with disabilities.					

13. Please indicate the importance of the following infrastructure policies.

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important	No Opinion
New development should pay impact fees to help pay for upgrades to infrastructure.					
The city should use special improvement districts to finance infrastructure.					
The city should plan for better broadband services.					
The city should promote energy efficiency.					
The city should promote water conservation to reduce growth pressures on water and wastewater					
The city should promote resilient designs for infrastructure.					

14. What do you consider the strengths and weaknesses about the City of Livingston?

15. What other policy suggestions do you have for the Growth Policy update?

Thank you for taking the survey. Please place your completed survey in the survey return box or envelope at the location where you picked it up, or return to:

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Livingston Growth Policy Survey

3-1-20

Total Surveys = 1196

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65+	15.75%

2. Place of Residence

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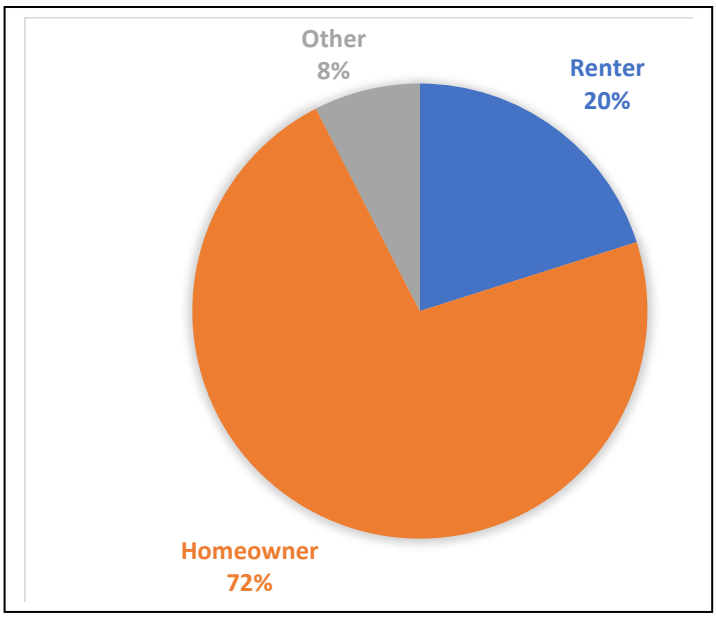
3. Home Ownership



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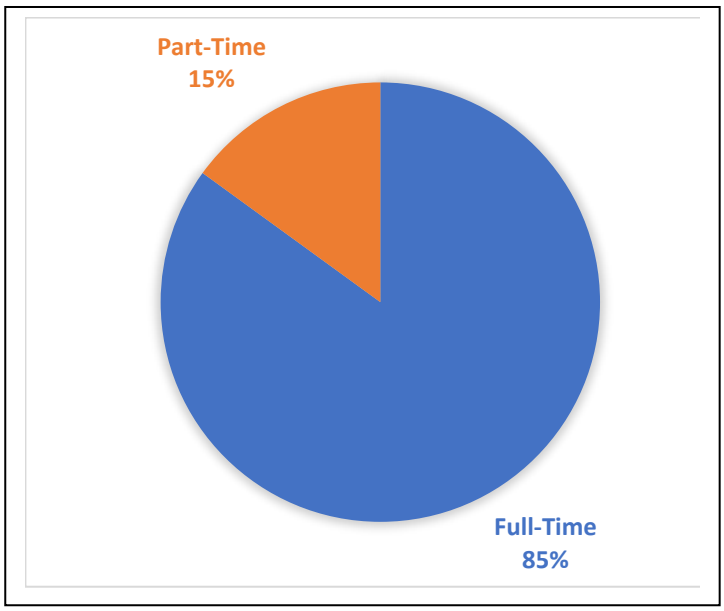

5. Please indicate your household yearly gross income:

Income Range	%
<$15,000	4.8%
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6. Please indicate the importance of the following economic development policies.

1 = Not Important 2 = Somewhat Important 3 = Important 4 = Very Important

Most Popular	
Attract skilled trade industries.	3.39
Attract professional level jobs.	3.35
Workforce development and training.	3.33
Retention and expansion programs for existing businesses	3.31
Buy local campaign.	3.24
Redevelop railroad properties for economic development.	3.12
Attract tech sector jobs.	3.04
Least Popular	
Attract service jobs.	2.95
Attract light manufacturing jobs.	2.93
Promote tourism.	2.92
Promote telework/telecommuting jobs.	2.72
Offer tax incentives to attract new businesses.	2.71

7. Indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Agree 4 = Strongly Agree

The city has adequate land available for new commercial development.	2.75
The city has adequate land available for new single-family development.	2.67
The city has adequate programs for historic preservation.	2.63
The city has adequate land available for new manufacturing development.	2.59
The city has adequate land available for new multifamily development.	2.58
The city has adequate programs and planning for downtown development.	2.36

Note: Any rating less than 3 = General disagreement with the statement.

8. Please indicate the importance of the following land use policies.

1 = Not Important 2 = Somewhat Important 3 = Important 4 = Very Important

Most Popular	
Regulate big-box stores (design standard, special use, location .....).	3.20
Limit the number of billboards.	3.14
Discourage urban sprawl.	3.12
Cluster homes to protect green space.	3.06
Least Popular	
Improve landscaping standards for parking lots and commercial developments.	2.96
Discourage strip development on major transportation corridors.	2.95
Establish gateway signage, landscaping, design standards at Interstate exits.	2.81

9. Please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

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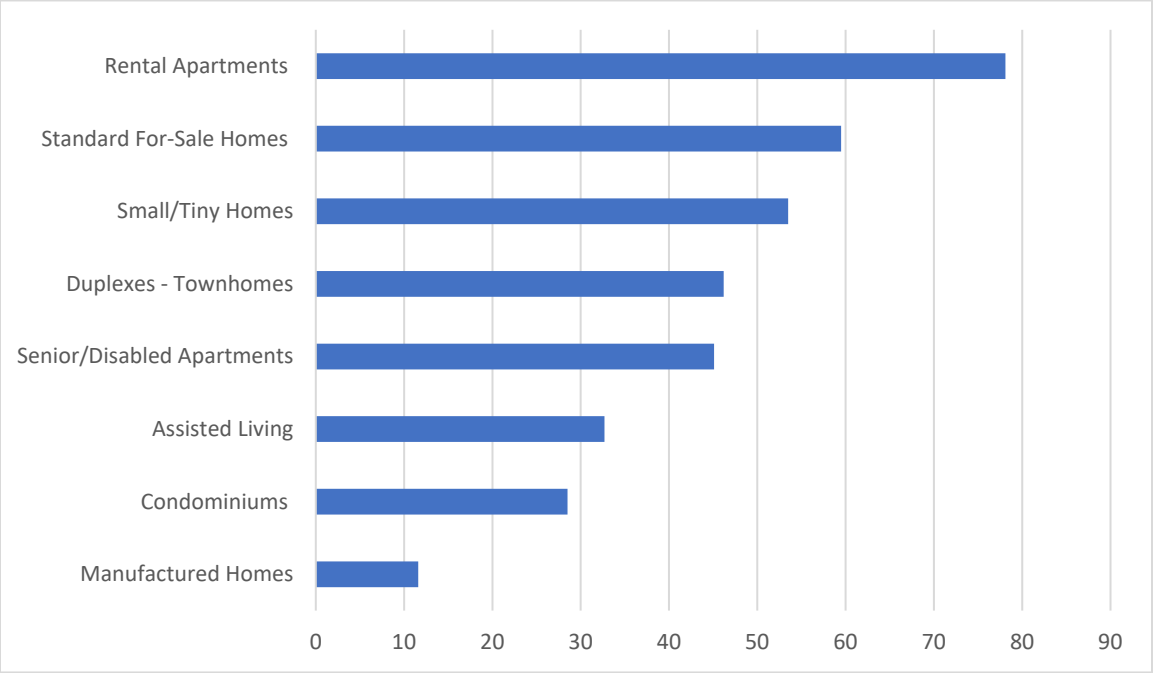
There is a shortage of rental units.	3.53
It is difficult to recruit employees due to shortage of affordable housing units	3.53
The cost to purchase a home is too high for the average worker.	3.48
Rents are too high for the average worker.	3.47
There are run-down homes in town that need repair.	3.39
The city needs better regulations for short term rentals (AirBNB...).	3.13

Note: There was generally strong agreement with all of the statements.

9. Which type of housing is most needed in Livingston?



Note: Bars = % of respondents that selected each housing type.

10. Please indicate your level of support for various housing programs for Livingston.

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Weatherization - energy conservation.	3.41
Allow residential units above first floor commercial spaces.	3.41
Down payment assistance for first time home buyers.	3.00
Least Popular	
Deed restrictions for permanent affordable homes	2.87
Density bonus for affordable housing.	2.86
Land banking (reserve land for affordable units).	2.83
Allow accessory dwelling units in residential areas.	2.76
New subsidized rental units.	2.76

11. Please indicate the importance of the following policies regarding natural resources.

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Very Important	
Enact appropriate measures to protect ground water resources.	3.78
Enact appropriate measures to protect water quality in the Yellowstone River.	3.77
Protect natural areas such as floodplains, wetlands, wildlife habitat.	3.70
Support clean-up of contaminated brownfields and superfund properties.	3.66
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Promote practices that result in good, healthy air quality.	3.60
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Reduce waste and promote recycling in the city.	3.54
Promote landscaped areas and preserve the urban forest.	3.52
Important	
Coordinate with the county to reduce risk from potential wildfires.	3.48
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Promote practices to reduce potential human-wildlife conflict	3.29

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Most Popular	
Build a new separated grade crossing on the west side of town.	3.41
Design transportation improvements for people with disabilities.	3.13
Design pedestrian-friendly transportation improvements.	3.05
Invest in sidewalk and street improvements in older parts of town.	3.01
Least Popular	
Develop a community wide interconnected trail system in town.	2.97
Expand transit services from Livingston to Bozeman.	2.96
Expand park-n-ride opportunities to major employment centers.	2.77
Expand transit services in town.	2.65
Promote policies for bike share, e-bikes, e-scooters and other micro mobility services.	2.21
Provide charging stations for electric vehicles.	2.01

13. Please indicate the importance of the following infrastructure policies.

14. 1 = Not Important 2 = Somewhat Important 3 = Important 4 = Very Important

Most Popular	
The city should promote energy efficiency.	3.39
New development should pay impact fees to help pay for upgrades to infrastructure.	3.38
The city should promote resilient designs for infrastructure.	3.34
The city should promote water conservation to reduce growth pressures on water and wastewater facilities.	3.33
The city should plan for better broadband services.	3.04
Least Popular	
The city should use special improvement districts to finance infrastructure.	2.88

Survey Results Summary

CITY OF LIVINGSTON **GROWTH POLICY**

December 12, 2019 – February 17, 2020
Total Surveys Collected: 1,196 (online and handwritten)

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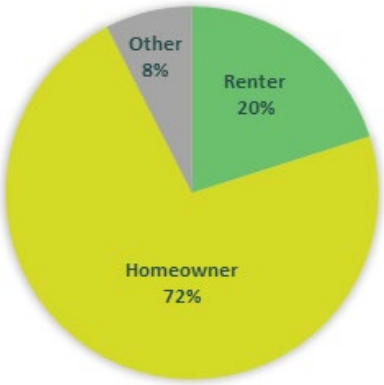

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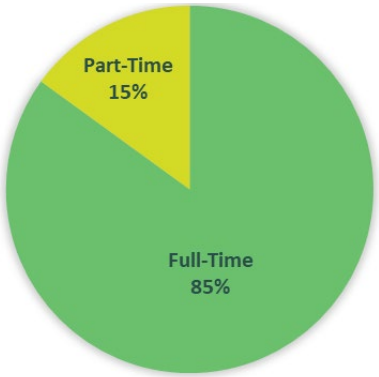

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Most Popular Policies

- Attract skilled trade industries.
- Attract professional level jobs.
- Workforce development and training.
- Retention and expansion programs for existing businesses
- Buy local campaign.
- Redevelop railroad properties for economic development.
- Attract tech sector jobs.

LAND USE

Most Popular Policies

- Regulate big-box stores (design standard, location, etc.).
- Limit the number of billboards.
- Discourage urban sprawl.
- Cluster homes to protect green space.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Most Popular Policies

- The city should promote energy efficiency.
- New development should pay impact fees to help pay for upgrades to infrastructure.
- The city should promote resilient designs for infrastructure.
- The city should promote water conservation to reduce growth pressures on water and wastewater facilities.
- The city should plan for better broadband services.

TRANSPORTATION

Most Popular Policies

- Build a new separated grade crossing on the west side of town.
- Design transportation improvements for people with disabilities.
- Design pedestrian-friendly transportation improvements.
- Invest in sidewalk and street improvements in older parts of town.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Most Popular Policies

- Enact appropriate measures to protect ground water resources.
- Enact appropriate measures to protect water quality in the Yellowstone River.
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- Support clean-up of contaminated brownfields and superfund properties.
- Reduce non-point water pollution through best practices for stormwater management.
- Promote practices that result in good, healthy air quality.
- Discourage development in hazardous areas with steep slopes, poor soils, floodplain and other high-risk areas.
- Reduce waste and promote recycling in the city.
- Promote landscaped areas and preserve the urban forest.

HOUSING

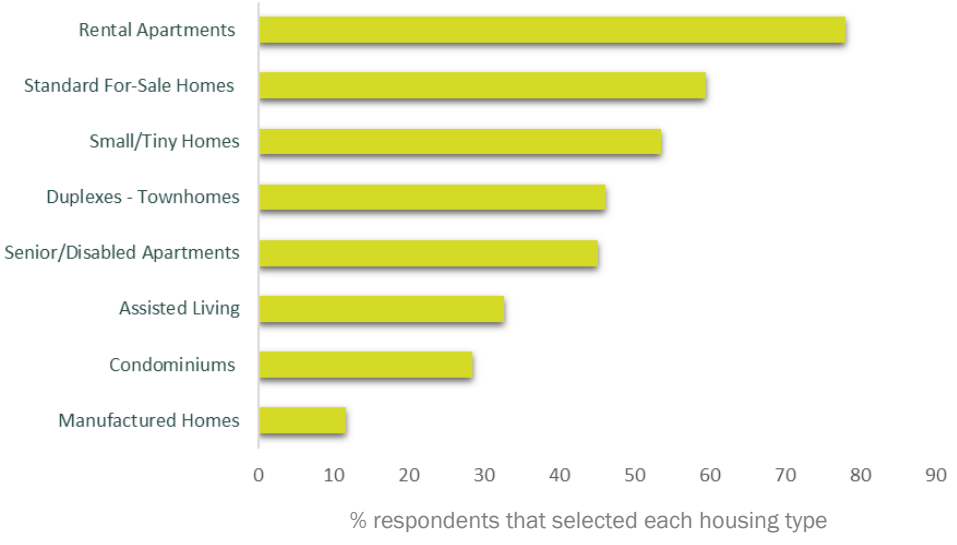
Most Popular Programs

- Weatherization - energy conservation.
- Allow residential units above first floor commercial spaces.
- Down payment assistance for first time home buyers.

Agree / Strongly Agree

- There is a shortage of rental units.
- It is difficult to recruit employees due to shortage of affordable housing units
- The cost to purchase a home is too high for the average worker.
- Rents are too high for the average worker.
- There are run-down homes in town that need repair.
- The city needs better regulations for short term rentals.

Housing Needed in Livingston



Q1 How do you define "community character"?

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1	How the place causes people to interact with and know each other. A way of life that is inspired and influenced by the place and its culture and history. A continuity with the past. An ability to change and adapt to the times without losing core identity. A working-class feel that accommodates tourism but has a distinctive way of life for its own residents, and is not overwhelmed by outside money or culture. A sense of security in what the place is and what it is not -- not attempting to become the next Jackson Hole, Sun Valley, or Bozeman, and actively working to avoid it.	6/4/2020 11:29 PM
2	Environmentally sensitive, small town HISTORIC tourism, "The Original Rail Gateway to Yellowstone" with the downtown as the focus. Egalitarian, participatory mayor/city manager form of government.	6/3/2020 9:34 AM
3	Values and what makes Livingston unique.	6/2/2020 10:26 PM
4	The city's personality that welcomes like minded people, and welcomes visitors with a respect for our community.	6/2/2020 9:21 PM
5	The atmosphere of the town, the people, the environment	6/2/2020 1:07 PM
6	Haves and Have Nots	6/2/2020 10:25 AM
7	Ever changing, growing together, supportive of needs of others. Accepting of new people, ideas in response to the youth, world. Cannot be isolated. The term Montana Values makes me wonder what they are versus anyone else.	6/1/2020 10:19 PM
8	Trails, public open space	6/1/2020 8:16 PM
9	Keep it as it is, with improvements that do not make drastic changes, and preserves the natural environment.	6/1/2020 3:54 PM
10	The personality and characteristics of a community that make it unique from other communities.	6/1/2020 11:49 AM
11	Bike and pedestrian friendly streets, signs and paths. Friendly greetings to all. Respect each other space, property and quiet atmosphere.	6/1/2020 11:04 AM
12	Welcoming via good food, good drinks, fun activities, good music, etc.	6/1/2020 10:13 AM
13	the personality of the community; thier beliefs, values, thier economic structure	5/31/2020 11:03 PM
14	friendly, casual, not overly touristy or fancy.	5/31/2020 5:45 PM
15	community character is what makes a community unique and not like other places. Livingston has the combination of a stunning wild natural environment with a down to earth laid back vibe. People here genuinely care and pull together even when they can't 100 percent agree.	5/31/2020 5:13 PM
16	The essential values and social interactions of our citizens.	5/31/2020 11:18 AM
17	By the way the town looks & treats people.	5/30/2020 8:53 AM
18	Suggested Reading: "Places Of The Soul" by Christopher Day	5/30/2020 8:05 AM
19	Not conforming to trends. Still being the nice people who will talk at check out stands, hold doors, and pitch in to help when someone needs a hand.	5/29/2020 10:51 PM
20	What a community is known for, what it represents.	5/29/2020 4:43 PM
21	It seems assumed here that we're talking about the positive aspects of character. Generally speaking, personal character includes vices as well as virtues. Community character includes assets and mistakes. Livingston's "character" currently includes haphazard strip development, sidewalks that end abruptly nowhere, significant wealth disparity, etc, as well as the positive attributes we are discussing here. Preserving positive community character might be defined as honoring and leveraging the parts of Livingston's shared experience that contribute to sense of place and the well-being of residents and visitors.	5/29/2020 1:56 PM
22	It's not superficial appeal, but rather depth and stability and cohesion.	5/29/2020 1:16 PM
23	What makes a place different from others.	5/29/2020 12:36 PM
24	keep the old atmosphere, buildings, signage, down lighting vs up lighting, etc	5/29/2020 11:43 AM

25	Keeping the Western/Montana way of life!!!	5/29/2020 11:10 AM
26	Friendly and supportive	5/29/2020 10:20 AM
27	Maintaining the historic downtown buildings including the Depot. Providing community gatherings; ie the farmers market, art walks, local musicians, etc.	5/29/2020 8:53 AM
28	The feeling you get from the people, buildings, and surrounding. Livingston is a people friendly town, its safe, walkable and likeable.	5/29/2020 7:27 AM
29	Livingston's community character, for me, is defined by its being a real community. Neighbors help each other, creative gifts are valued and supported, those in need can find assistance, children are cared for. Its many other assets - its history, the beauty of its natural surroundings, its small town human scale - are wonderful, but its people supply the character.	5/29/2020 12:46 AM
30	Small town. When I go to the bank, the hardware store, the grocery store, or the auto parts store I know people or they recognize me. A good hello, or opening the door for another old timer or rancher I don't know is important. A small town feel of the western lifestyle where a handshake still means a mans word. But you can still go downtown and get a good whisky and see locals and tourists that are impressed that someone just opened the door for some gal coming in. And most importantly, don't become what Bozeman has become and keep our old time conservative western lifestyle feel where everyone knows everyone and we will give the shirt off our back to help out our neighbor.	5/28/2020 11:46 PM
31	The attributes and defining morals/actions that direct and drive a community	5/28/2020 10:53 PM
32	Welcoming	5/28/2020 10:19 PM
33	Not sure.	5/28/2020 7:17 PM
34	Friendly and supportive	5/28/2020 6:31 PM
35	Locally owned shops, restaurants, pubs, and breweries in the buildings which already exist. Maintaining and creating new bike trails connecting the town to city parks and other trails nearby. We really need to work on our bike infrastructure. Please keep working toward connecting trails that run along the Yellowstone River so that we have many miles of trails to explore town by bike. To keep our community character we need to look ahead and be sure to protect as many trails and access points as we can whether that is through conservation easements with private landowners or buying land.	5/28/2020 4:56 PM
36	Shared consensus on the needs/wants of a community.	5/28/2020 4:42 PM
37	Specific to people: Diversity of incomes, beliefs and interests all working together in areas of common interests. Volunteerism. Neighbors looking out for neighbors. General friendliness. Specific to town: preservation of historic buildings; pedestrian friendly; access to parks, trails and public lands.	5/28/2020 4:28 PM
38	Walkablility and beauty.	5/28/2020 3:26 PM
39	Friendlyness, safety and smiles from neighbors	5/28/2020 3:24 PM
40	small western town feel	5/28/2020 3:10 PM
41	Visually welcoming, variety of attractions and friendly culture.	5/28/2020 2:51 PM
42	Outdoor spaces for gathering, small businesses and main streets with boutiques, restaurants not real estate businesses that have no foot traffic	5/28/2020 2:01 PM
43	Kind, casual, active, environmentally friendly, pet friendly, locally sustainable, safe, accepting, open minded, charming, beautifully maintained and preserved	5/28/2020 1:15 PM
44	A small town feel with no big box stores and a lack of franchise stores. The small town feel is enhanced by locally owned businesses that recognize and value your business. Social gatherings in bars and restaurants "where everybody knows your name".	5/28/2020 12:55 PM
45	The environment created by the architecture and the surrounding real estate.	5/28/2020 12:26 PM
46	Love the character which must be maintained. However there is a total lack of services downtown such as an old fashion drugstore, and the loss of Ben Franklin store. We need to attract another Shopko type business to that building. Maybe a mini Walmart like Laurel has.	5/28/2020 12:13 PM

47	balance of shopping and leisure activites	5/28/2020 11:20 AM
48	I define community character as the integrity and the kindness community members extend to others in the community whether they be local or tourists.	5/28/2020 10:18 AM
49	To me, community character is the feeling and experience in a place. It is the culture of a specific geographic location that is cultivated by how the people who live there develop, use, recreate, do business, and learn in that community.	5/28/2020 9:54 AM
50	Eclectic	5/28/2020 9:52 AM
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52	It would be how the majority of the citizens react in times of need.	5/28/2020 9:09 AM
53	A community has what you need with an easy access. I am concerned that the outlying developments don’t have the local gas station, grocery store, etc., anything without having to get in their car and drive to it	5/28/2020 9:00 AM
54	Small town, neighbors helping neighbors, community development sensitive to members desires and needs, preserving historic and environmental surroundings.	5/28/2020 8:35 AM
55	We live in Mayberry... this is where everyone cares and supports one another. Small town feel.... no big chains.. lots of independent businesses and an agriculture and ranching feel	5/28/2020 8:24 AM
56	Community character is the general sense that people know each other, take pride in their community as evidenced by clean streets, signage, flowers on main street, and a sense of "hominess". There is a thriving downtown, good school system, low crime rate, and a lot of community participation in government and other non-profits. It is deemed a great place to raise a family due to available parks and outdoor recreation, walkability and safeness.	5/28/2020 7:35 AM
57	What makes our community unique	5/28/2020 6:46 AM
58	Clean, safe and walkable	5/28/2020 12:43 AM
59	Historic; western; artsy; quirky	5/28/2020 12:43 AM
60	Those who live here are heavily invested in the place. The scale of the town and location of amenities contributes to this. Above all, character is created by diverse people and their freedom to create the life they want so protecting this place as a lived-in paradise is key.	5/27/2020 11:20 PM
61	Keeping and reusing old buildings, local business growth, keeping the character the same, railroad small community, not a bunch of outsiders trying to make it Bozeman. Bring back the Montana.	5/27/2020 9:59 PM
62	Everyone caring about what type of growth will happen in the future	5/27/2020 9:57 PM
63	Overall Vibe	5/27/2020 9:36 PM
64	A community where we work together, play together and agree to disagree.	5/27/2020 9:05 PM
65	Historically rich, small town	5/27/2020 8:13 PM
66	There is something to this community that is almost magical. More people are drawn to doing good and bettering their own circumstances and the circumstances of others than any place else I have ever lived. There are many strong voices here with opinions all over every issue that clammer to be heard and do get heard. Many people are passionate about this town and changes that have occurred or could occur. I just believe (and "feel" too) that in Livingston there is an undercurrent of goodness that embodies many of us who are trying to make our small community thrive today and even more so in the future.	5/27/2020 7:37 PM
67	The people and businesses that choose to make this their home	5/27/2020 7:30 PM
68	Recognize Livingston history.	5/27/2020 6:59 PM
69	Patricia Grabow	5/27/2020 6:52 PM
70	The unique "feel" of a downtown.	5/27/2020 6:29 PM
71	The local culture or subcultures	5/27/2020 6:20 PM
72	Small town community with social events pulling community together	5/27/2020 6:18 PM

73	More affordable housing development and "mixed" development opportunities are very important for a thriving community. "Community character" comes from people of different incomes living as neighbors. Without affordable housing a community loses all it's "colorful" character. Ill-planned subdivisions lack community character because all the houses look the same and all the incomes are about the same. They lack any neighborhood amenities like coffee shops, little corner stores or other businesses.	5/27/2020 6:03 PM
74	Those attributes that contribute to a uniqueness and identification of Livingston.	5/27/2020 6:00 PM
75	The visible image of a small town is what keeps the community character. Having a ugly disgusting exhibition of mannequins in lingerie like what is at 315 S. B. St is a disgusting attack on the historical character of Livingston. Community character has to do with good people living in PEACE. When the Police abuse, arrest and terrorize the people for no reason to but satisfy some kind of psychotic motive, it destroys the character. Ignoring vandalism and allowing for derelicts to live like pigs is detrimental to the community character.	5/27/2020 5:42 PM
76	thriving small businesses and mixed/diverse residential (age, socioeconomic, etc)	5/27/2020 5:37 PM
77	What makes livingston unique, both with community events, but also the attitude and demeanor of the people who live here.	5/27/2020 5:27 PM
78	People in the community working together to make a place a quality place to live. A quality place to live will range from services offered, to community events, safety of the citizens, and overall options for the residents and tourists.	5/27/2020 5:20 PM
79	The features and amenities - both man made and natural- that shape the city's 'feel' and identity.	5/27/2020 5:08 PM
80	A Town That Has Not Been Homogenized And Over Regulated By Big City Consultants And Administrators	5/27/2020 4:57 PM
81	Grassroots. Keeping the city updated but not modernize on the outside only the interior.	5/27/2020 4:35 PM
82	It is supporting the eclectic character of our community. There are people from many backgrounds, of many socio-economic groups, in many types of work, interested in many things. It is important to keep this mix. Unfortunately housing prices are shutting out a component of that mix which will cause labor issues among other things. I also think it is important to preserve the variety of building styles found in Livingston. There are brick buildings, wooden buildings, stucco, and a few stone. Keeping a mix of structures helps to preserve the current physical character of the community. Some higher density housing needs to happen but making sure there is diversity in the looks of the structures will go a long way towards keeping the town character. Neighborhoods rather than sprawl is the way to go.	5/27/2020 4:32 PM
83	Keeping the MONTANA, in Livingston Montana ;-) Let's try to avoid what made Bozeman feel like Bozeangeles. We don't need a mini-Jackson Hole vacation vibe small town. True to our roots. Genuine in character, morals, look and feel.	5/27/2020 4:27 PM
84	The feeling I have when I drive down park street. I drive by representations of all of it—art, history of many people and cultures, small business, community support for one another, all forms of recreation—and the feeling that Livingston is my launchpad into the world now. My community is my safety net.	5/27/2020 4:22 PM
85	One who is interested and active in the things of interest at the time.	5/27/2020 4:20 PM
86	Things that make a community unique such as buildings, people, businesses. Box stores and franchise restaurants such as McDonalds and Hardees add nothing to community character.	5/27/2020 4:15 PM
87	I think it is important for Livingston to retain it's own identity - NOT become a bedroom community to Bozeman. Good jobs, affordable housing, quality education, and focus on retaining the accessible and welcoming historic downtown.	5/27/2020 4:02 PM
88	Locally owned businesses as opposed to malls or franchises....supporting neighbors as opposed to being competitive. Downtown events supported and attended by everyone	5/27/2020 3:58 PM
89	a feeling tone among the people who live and hang out there.	5/27/2020 3:51 PM
90	A community's character is the "Vibe" it gives off when you enter it. It's vibe can be seen in lighting, walk and bike-ability, fun signage, landscaping, and scenic environment.	5/27/2020 3:47 PM
91	A sense of place and community centered around the Yellowstone River and Absaroka	5/27/2020 3:40 PM

	Wilderness. A diverse group of people all focused on building a strong community despite differences in opinions. Strive to maintain historic feeling of a railroad town while also looking to build a sustainable community.	
92	Community all starts with people. So having local citizens who are friendly, helpful, supportive, caring, and tolerant of others who may different cultures, beliefs, race, etc. is what defines the character of a community.	5/27/2020 3:39 PM
93	Safe, congenial, fair, and equitable	5/27/2020 3:36 PM
94	The aesthetics of the way the downtown flows	5/27/2020 3:30 PM
95	How we come together in times of need. Community events to help better connect us all. Small town vibes.	5/27/2020 3:25 PM
96	small self reliant independent western town, not reliant on Bozeman community or Bozeman politics (urbanization). Do not want to become a suburb of Bozeman, stay independent and local.	5/27/2020 3:25 PM
97	Small town western character. Keep historic downtown that we and visitors admire and film.	5/27/2020 3:21 PM
98	Community character is defined by the way a majority of residents identify their sense of place.	5/27/2020 3:05 PM
99	The shared values of a community	5/27/2020 2:53 PM
100	Preserving historic aspects of a community, while embracing modernity. Being open to green technology, celebrating diversity among its citizens and businesses, protecting its natural heritage. Providing ample green spaces to be enjoyed by all. Welcoming visitors from around the world with open arms, squashing hate and intolerance. The greatness of a community can be defined by how it treats the less fortunate and the voiceless.	5/27/2020 2:51 PM
101	bike and pedestrian friendly, spaces for people to gather, like parks & trails, but also outside dining & coffee shops	5/27/2020 2:49 PM
102	The overall feel of a town upon first entering. How our business treat customers. Are the public spaces interesting, clean & inviting? Accent the uniqueness of our town. How we share the beauty that we enjoy everyday while living here.	5/27/2020 2:48 PM
103	Safe, clean, opportunities for work, opportunities to open a business, friendly,	5/27/2020 2:48 PM
104	Parks Reeces fish, in a pair of Russ Chathams overalls sitting outside the Murray on park drinking iced tea watching a motorcycle drive by with the train in the background... after a 4th of July parade.	5/27/2020 2:46 PM
105	keep Livingston unique, not a small version of Bozeman.	5/27/2020 2:46 PM
106	The demeanor of the people in general	5/27/2020 2:45 PM
107	The defining feature(s) that make the community special - both to its residents, summer residents, and visitors.	5/27/2020 2:43 PM
108	A mix of neighbors of various ages, socioeconomic backgrounds, and education levels. Interspersed business and residential areas, allowing small businesses to open within traditional residential zones. More mixed use.	5/27/2020 2:43 PM
109	Local culture and values. Established norms.	5/27/2020 2:41 PM
110	Lots of sirens during the day and freight trains all night long blaring their train horns	5/27/2020 2:39 PM
111	We're all in it together; not forgetting the less fortunate; support of local businesses	5/27/2020 2:37 PM
112	Unique, not like Bozeman and not like other cities who have the strip malls with all the big box stores. It also means "rural", has a small-town feel.	5/27/2020 2:37 PM
113	A place that allows for a diversity of residents from all income levels and walk of life. Businesses that support local entrepreneurs above corporate interests. Amenities that make the current residents want to stay and graduating kids want to return- pool, rec center, opportunity for interesting, long term employment.	5/27/2020 2:35 PM
114	Staying true to the communities roots; ranching, farming, writing, art, fishing, outdoors. However, embracing change while staying true is paramount.	5/27/2020 2:34 PM

115	The culture and identity of a community, including all its residents, not just those that are vocal and engaged.	5/27/2020 2:32 PM
116	It is a community committed to inclusiveness -- a community in which all residents can be healthy (and access affordable, healthy food) and can learn, live and thrive to their fullest potential.	5/27/2020 2:32 PM
117	Uniqueness of our community within Montana. The feeling that being in Livingston elicits in our residents and visitors	5/27/2020 2:32 PM
118	How a community takes care of the physical, mental and economic well being of its citizens and businesses while honoring the history of the community and MT as a whole.	5/27/2020 2:29 PM
119	our scenic views, accessibility to outdoor activities and small downtown feel	5/27/2020 2:25 PM
120	friendly, welcoming, supportive of each other, historic, rich western history, small town feel and mindset, integrated with the Yellowstone River and Absaroka Range,	5/27/2020 12:21 PM
121	Difficult to say! Certainly, not conservative or liberal. Progressive is a good definition.	5/27/2020 12:10 PM
122	Preserving what we have instead of building new modern structures	5/27/2020 11:43 AM
123	Personality of the town.	5/27/2020 11:37 AM
124	The soul and spirit of the community. Soul meaning the commitment to leave and improve our community in a proactive, progressive way, yet embracing the heritage of what was here prior. Spirit meaning the heart of the people who embrace and represent the soul.	5/27/2020 10:26 AM
125	The feel and look of town	5/27/2020 10:22 AM
126	The people I meet on the street who will always say hello!	5/27/2020 10:19 AM
127	I believe community character is the cumulative feel of a town including the people, businesses, and environment.	5/27/2020 10:02 AM
128	Community character is that overall general feeling a person gets when they first spend a few days in a new place. For better or for worse, I think a big part of Livingston's "character" comes from the fact that we don't quite have the roaring economy that can be found just over the hill in Bozeman. There is a slight underdog feel to Livingston, when you look at the overall economy and the downtown shops, etc. But it's not necessarily a bad thing. I'm often noticing Bozeman people coming over to Livingston for dinner or to hang out on the weekend just to get away from Bozeman. I think Bozeman can feel a little too "special." People pick up on that, and when they hang out in Livingston they love the absence of that feeling.	5/27/2020 9:59 AM
129	The history of a place and preserving that history while keeping our downtown vibrant with many small businesses. Keeping and adding bike paths and trails to points out of town too.	5/27/2020 9:56 AM
130	The palpable attributes that are apparent to those who visit Livingston that is created and sustained by those of us who live here.	5/27/2020 9:53 AM
131	Livingston's population is warm, open and friendly. Although the city has been "sprucing" itself up over the past ten years, it still maintains an unassuming, small-town charm. The wealthy and the working class co-mingle as a matter-of-course. This ethos of "no little people" has protected Livingston from developing the snobby, pretentious feel that is now associated with Bozeman. Longtime residents want to see the city well-maintained, attractive to tourists, yet staying grounded in our down-to-earth character.	5/27/2020 9:10 AM
132	To me it is defined by the diverse range of people within a community and the ability to come together for the common good	5/27/2020 8:59 AM
133	A mixture of ordinary elements that combine to give a place a unique feel. Connection to a shared history (even if not all of us lived here for that history). Appreciation for how things are, not wanting much to change.	5/27/2020 8:45 AM
134	identity of a place, the collective impression a neighborhood or town makes on residents and visitors. Calm, relaxed, friendly, clean, healthy, quiet, safe, showing pride in place. Livingston as a town equal in appreciation to it's landscape.	5/27/2020 7:51 AM
135	Community character has to do with the priorities a community establishes and works towards. The people, the development styles, economy, recreational opportunities, walkability, population all make up the character of a community. I am hopeful Livingston will continue to	5/27/2020 7:47 AM

	recognize and prioritize its current residents, families and guests over outside interests and large development. People come here because of what Livingston is, not what it will become. Please preserve the very aspects of this community that define its character so we don't fall victim to development interests.	
136	Small town	5/27/2020 7:19 AM
137	Hyper localism, the unique attributes of a place, it's land, wildlife and people that distinguish it from other places.	5/27/2020 5:42 AM
138	The sum of values, diversity, people, architecture, landscape and history to define a community.	5/27/2020 3:13 AM
139	How we treat each other.	5/26/2020 10:41 PM
140	Safe. A place where you can walk or bike to do your errands, conduct business and gather with friends.	5/26/2020 10:12 PM
141	Keeping small businesses, access to the River as well as Parks and friendliness. keeping the traditions of farmers markets are essential	5/26/2020 10:05 PM
142	The uniqueness and beauty of our town and the connection of its people to one another.	5/26/2020 9:57 PM
143	Unique culture and landmarks, history, connections among resident people, support for those in need.	5/26/2020 9:55 PM
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145	small town and historic buildings and business w/o box stores and heavy traffic	5/26/2020 8:56 PM
146	The feeling you get from a place based on what you see, the people you interact with and the things you do there	5/26/2020 8:52 PM
147	Community character is how our community is unique from others, what makes it feel special and important to us.	5/26/2020 8:11 PM
148	Community character is what makes us different than any other small Montana town, what brings us together even in diversity.	5/26/2020 8:06 PM
149	When you hear the words "Key West" or "Savannah Georgia" or "Seattle" or "NYC" there is an image that immediately comes into your mind. Community character is that. A place that is defined by the buildings, people, activities and location in which it exists. Our character has a fishing, camping, hiking, old west, train town - the best . Not trying to be something we aren't is very important. We are not a ski town. We can accept that we are a bedroom community to Bozeman -but it can be the place where creativity thrives. Not the cookie cutter bricks, lights, trees that is everywhere.	5/26/2020 8:01 PM
150	Keeping the Civic Center!	5/26/2020 7:54 PM
151	I'm a vibe person so when I walk/bike/drive through a town I like to pick up a vibe. The vibe could include the friendliness of the residents as I walk down a street or if vehicles share the road as I bike or if people drive slowly through a residential area. Trees, parks, architecture make up a vibe as well. Locally owned stores(as opposed to chains). Good, affordable restaurants. Affordable housing. Inclusiveness.	5/26/2020 7:53 PM
152	Keeping small town atmosphere with streets easy for biking or walking; not up-scaling buildings and houses (maintaining architecture currently in town- not the new look of Bozeman recent construction); encouraging continued activities that have been traditions; trying to set top down tone of neighborliness and kindness; encourage even more art events and help everyone to recognize that we all have a stake in being good citizens.	5/26/2020 7:51 PM
153	The reason why we are a sought after place for in-state and out-of-state visitors and an attractive place to live.	5/26/2020 7:33 PM

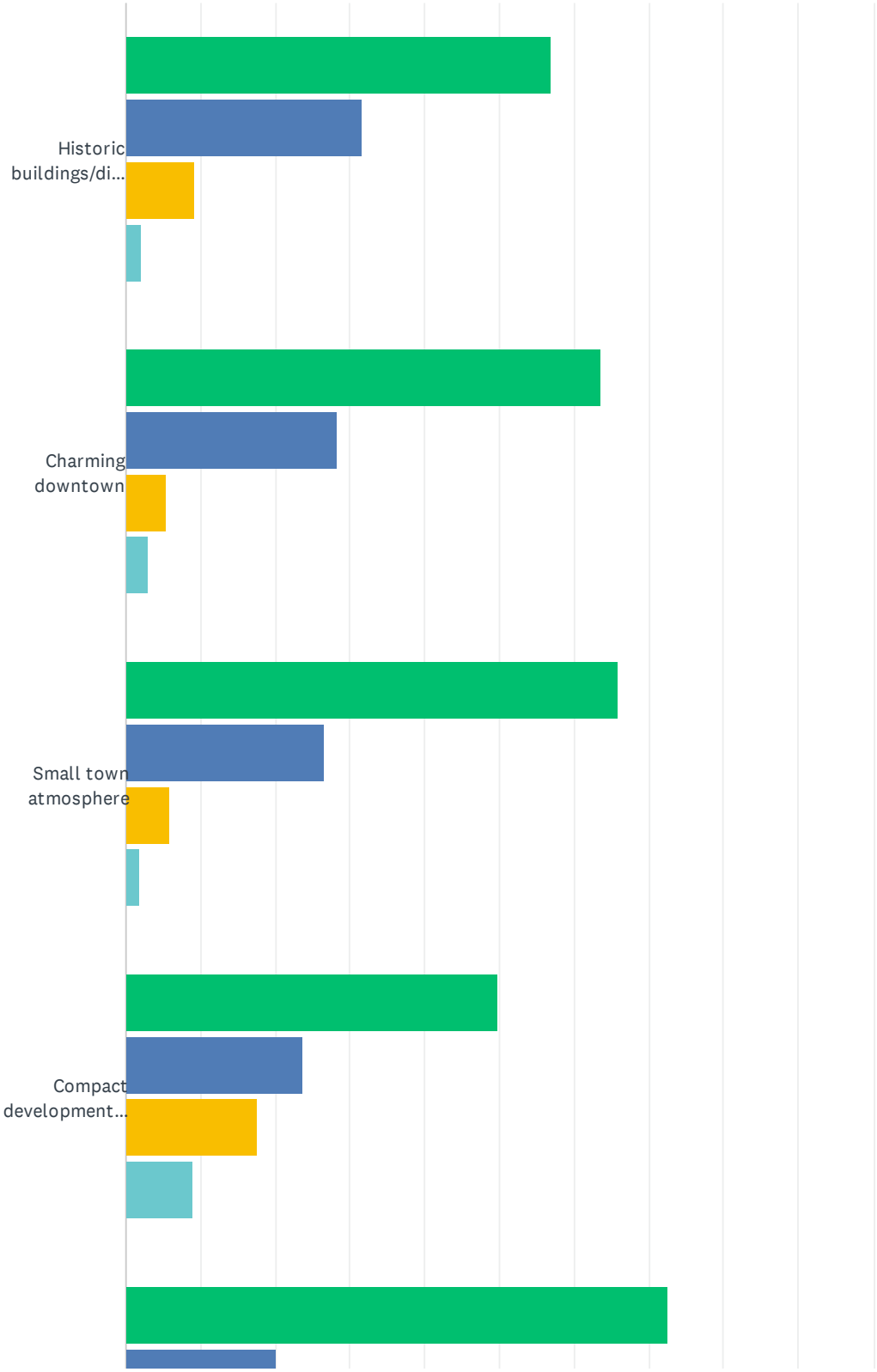
154	A compact and vibrant downtown area surrounded by comfortably dense neighborhoods with an emphasis on walkability. Or NOT SPRAWL (as has happened/is happening in Bozeman).	5/26/2020 7:07 PM
155	The unwashed, genuine acceptance of all types of people, real local stores, homegrown activities with participation of all walks of life, small businesses that thrive.	5/26/2020 6:52 PM
156	The distinct identity of a place.	5/26/2020 6:34 PM
157	Small, historic atmosphere with an emphasis on keeping the surrounding countryside rural and unspoiled.	5/26/2020 6:24 PM
158	It is the general identity of a community. It is how a community wishes to be viewed by its residents and no residents.	5/26/2020 6:19 PM
159	The unique qualities of Livingston and the people and environment that define our town, people that work and live here year-round and contribute to the local economy and the immense access to wilderness and nature that promote a life lived outside. A strong sense of place, multi-generational stories, all levels of an economic class can participate and live in any area of town, including that all parts of our town are accessible to everyone, however, that saying, there are some areas of our community character that can go - those that are hurtful and discriminatory - such as the patriarchal dominance within our leadership and division of roles. Other characteristics - the streets are safe, everything is close enough to walk (which needs to be improved), public spaces and 'third places' are enhanced to create more interactions that define our unique community.	5/26/2020 5:46 PM
160	Unique characteristics that define a group of people and the town.	5/26/2020 5:42 PM
161	A unique combination of artistic and natural, working ranches and entertainment cultures that yield a way of life that is only experienced in Livingston.	5/26/2020 5:38 PM
162	The feeling of a community. This is made up of: - The way people behave and interact towards one another. - The physical characteristics and architecture of a town (style of buildings, the public spaces, walking streets or pedestrian paths). - Cultural events. - Ratio of green space to developed space. - The kinds of businesses (independent vs chain). - Community programs. - Natural landscapes and vistas. - The weather.	5/26/2020 5:25 PM
163	It's the underlying essence and feel of a place, which includes the interwoven collective hum of people, landscape, history, nature (wildlife, river, mountains,seasons, etc), and experience.	5/26/2020 5:25 PM
164	Where everybody knows your name...or treats you like they do. The local business, no Starbucks, local coffee shops and restaurants.	5/26/2020 5:20 PM
165	Behavior, attitudes, responsibility to neighbors, self, property...	5/26/2020 5:18 PM
166	Aspects of communities social and physical characteristics that help make the community unique	5/26/2020 5:15 PM
167	Community character is the quality of shared experience, mutual support, and collective commitment to the well-being of those with whom we share the community. It's reflected in our active support of shared traditions, to diversity of perspective, and to the conservation of our shared cultures and resources.	5/26/2020 5:09 PM
168	Livingston has the right mix of blue collar work ethic, appreciation for education social amenities, and stewardship of the environment.	5/26/2020 5:09 PM
169	Keeping the community original with only local businesses	5/26/2020 5:08 PM
170	Identity Image Values	5/26/2020 5:06 PM
171	A little bit of Americana, friendly, patriotic. Small town America	5/26/2020 5:02 PM
172	General philosophy, priorities, morals and vibe that combine to create the experience one has within a place.	5/26/2020 4:59 PM
173	Character is what distinguishes us from other places, and what we value that sets us apart. The character is largely expressed by the people and their relationships to one another. We know each other, and recognize faces and so are not acting anonymously, coldly, without consequence. Encourage space for public interaction, community squares, event space, play space -- including during colder weather.	5/26/2020 4:56 PM
174	The things that make a community attractive and unique.	5/26/2020 4:55 PM

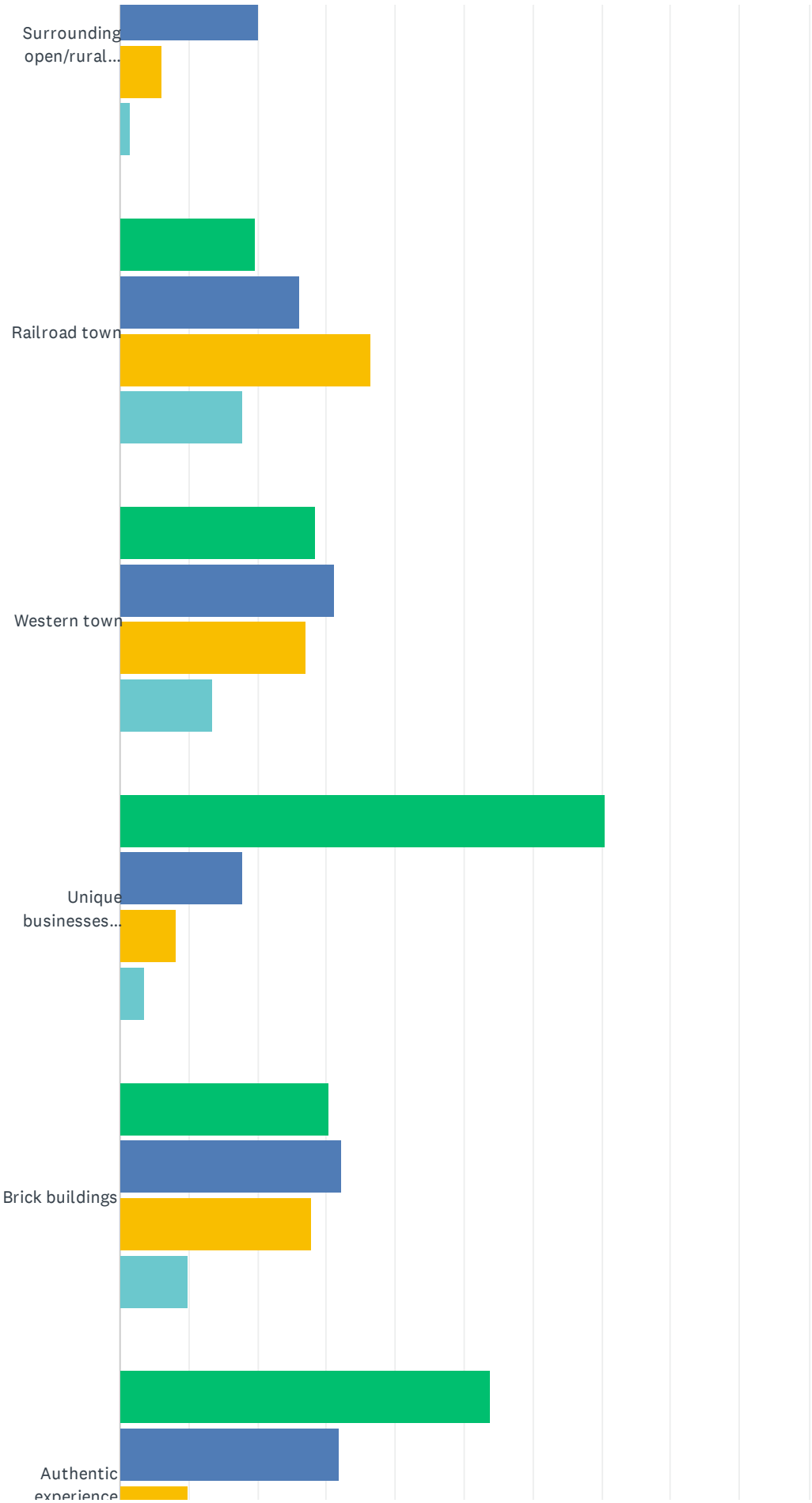
175	The people who live there must be able to make a living in order for the town to survive. Don't over regulate the landscape or it will become simply an extension of Bozeman.	5/26/2020 4:54 PM
176	Members, businesses and spaces of the community that contribute to the area with a positive character.	5/26/2020 4:52 PM
177	The 'essence' that creates and sustains its identity even when differences exist. A sense of 'being in it together' and being proud to be a contributor to it.	5/26/2020 4:52 PM
178	General feelings and attitudes of the residents about the town.	5/26/2020 4:48 PM
179	Community Character with respect to Livingston reflects our rich railroad history, and small western town feel, original architecture and preservation of our historic buildings, unobstructed phenomenal views, accessibility to public lands and numerous recreational opportunities. The absence of large buildings/parking garages shopping complexes/ strip malls provides a greater sense of open spaces. Preserve that home-town small-town feeling, making improvements that are only necessary.	5/26/2020 3:10 PM
180	Interesting small businesses!	5/26/2020 2:05 PM
181	In a nutshell: The ‘total package; e.g., aesthetic and pleasing appearance, necessity shopping areas and stores/shops, gift and visitor shops, eating establishments. Also, historic venues so we may all be exposed to times of past living styles. Inclusive of neighborhoods, schools, etc. Maintain the ambience of our local areas.	5/26/2020 1:39 PM
182	- preservation of historical sites and buildings, original architecture - preservation of and creation of new green space within city limits i.e. parks, trails - WALKABILITY - the ability for residents to safely walk or bike to shops, restaurants, and groceries is essential - mandatory green space in new developments to maintain easy access to parks and trails and prevent urban sprawl (the enemy of community character) - mandates on architecture and style of new buildings so that they match the aesthetic of historic buildings, limit to number of stories - small businesses - neighborhood development that helps to create small communities within the larger one, i.e. new neighborhoods have their own parks, coffee shops, groceries, etc., also helps alleviate traffic congestion when people can access amenities closer to home	5/26/2020 9:18 AM
183	The feeling of the Community	5/26/2020 8:36 AM
184	The overall feel of a community - its essence.	5/25/2020 4:51 PM
185	Small businesses...no franchise stores downtown. Slanted free parking. No more traffic lights.	5/25/2020 4:29 PM
186	What are the people like? What do they like to do? How do they behave toward others? What do they value about their surroundings?	5/25/2020 2:16 PM
187	Being a welcoming, open, kind community that cares about all of its residents.	5/25/2020 9:12 AM
188	It should be the community it says it is. It can’t be small town close and then only cater to tourism. Character should be truthful to what you see. If we are a community then work together . Care about each other’s shops	5/24/2020 10:16 PM
189	Honors the history of our town & state. Keep the small town, walkable nature of town.	5/24/2020 9:53 PM
190	Community character, in my opinion, would be hanging on to the good of the community even as we grow. Examples would be our historic downtown and its’ surrounding neighborhoods. Fun community events like the Farmer’s Market, Summerfest, the Hoot and Fourth of July activities would also be included in this.	5/24/2020 12:43 PM
191	It is defined with a feeling more than words. The community character feeling is not as strong as twenty years ago.	5/24/2020 10:20 AM
192	Quaint, friendly, everyone knows each other, helpful, neighbors look out for each other. Government officials look out for the people and not politics.	5/24/2020 9:49 AM
193	Community character is a combination of town and area ascetics combined with the attitude of the residents.	5/24/2020 8:01 AM
194	How community members treat each other and the overall feel of the community.	5/22/2020 4:39 PM
195	Small Montana town feel. Supporting small local businesses	5/22/2020 3:26 PM

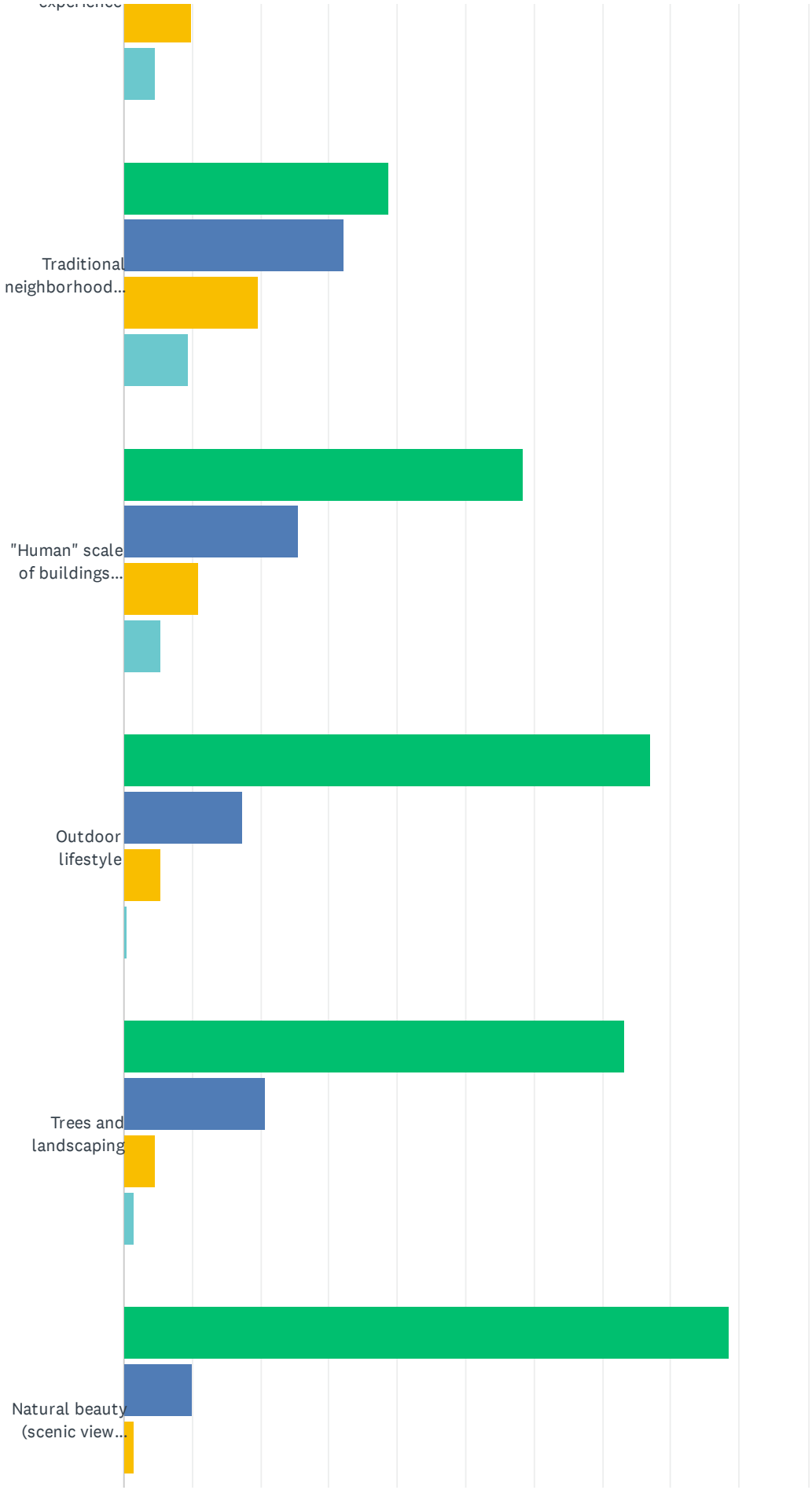
196	The consistent flavor balance experienced in a wide range of community settings.	5/22/2020 11:40 AM
197	Authentic. Staying true to historic narrative with opening to grow and be innovative by working local driven ideas of community members.	5/22/2020 11:05 AM
198	small town, friendly, supportive	5/22/2020 10:29 AM
199	Friendly, common values, trustworthy, and strong public safety.	5/22/2020 6:43 AM
200	People with a work ethic	5/21/2020 11:42 PM
201	Based on history and community lifestyle. Such as railroads,ranch life, and catering to local needs.	5/21/2020 9:48 PM
202	I think affordable housing for locals is more important than community character.	5/21/2020 9:16 PM
203	Support and trust in one another	5/21/2020 8:27 PM
204	A community that is trustworthy, neighborly, friendly, and shares many common values and ideals.	5/21/2020 6:55 PM
205	The qualities that are unique to this place.	5/21/2020 6:03 PM
206	Welcoming to all, no discrimination	5/21/2020 5:53 PM
207	diversity- celebrated and respected; healthy appreciation for the arts and recreation; balance between preserving our wild places and generating sustainable economic activity.	5/21/2020 5:27 PM
208	The distinctive traits that define our community	5/21/2020 5:06 PM
209	The identifiable aspects of a community that create it's "feel" and appeal or lack thereof.	5/21/2020 5:01 PM
210	People living and working in this town, not a bedroom community. Not a summer population. Not a tourists rule town. Not a town run by absentee property owners. Downtown stores and post office.	5/21/2020 4:39 PM
211	The town's atmosphere, general attitude of the people and overall vibe of the community.	5/21/2020 4:37 PM
212	While community character certainly relies on the residents, it is also about ambiance (such as preserving historic brick buildings without covering them in stucco that will degrade in 10 years).	5/21/2020 4:33 PM
213	Sense that everyone is part of the community and that we all look out for each other, no matter who we are or how much we make	5/21/2020 4:02 PM
214	The fact that the people of Livingston tend to look out for one another and genuinely believe in the good rather than looking for the bad.	5/21/2020 4:00 PM
215	Livingston is a historic town with artists, a vibrant downtown, and quick access to beauty and the outdoors. It's a safe, walkable town with focus on its history, particularly the story of Yellowstone and the innovation in our community. It's a town with ALL kinds of people in many economic tiers. It's livable for a working class of people.	5/21/2020 3:53 PM
216	Keeping land marks and historical buildings and structures. Blending in new buildings and businesses to match our charm. Beautifying streets and parks, keeping our landscape from big box stores.	5/21/2020 3:49 PM
217	Friendliness of the citizens, walkable areas, pleasant parks, a downtown like ours	5/21/2020 3:49 PM
218	adfaf	5/19/2020 7:32 PM

Q2 Based on Survey comments, the following features were identified as contributing to “Community Character”. Please indicate which features are most important to you.

Answered: 282 Skipped: 0




Surrounding open/rural...
Railroad town
Western town
Unique businesses...
Brick buildings
Authentic experience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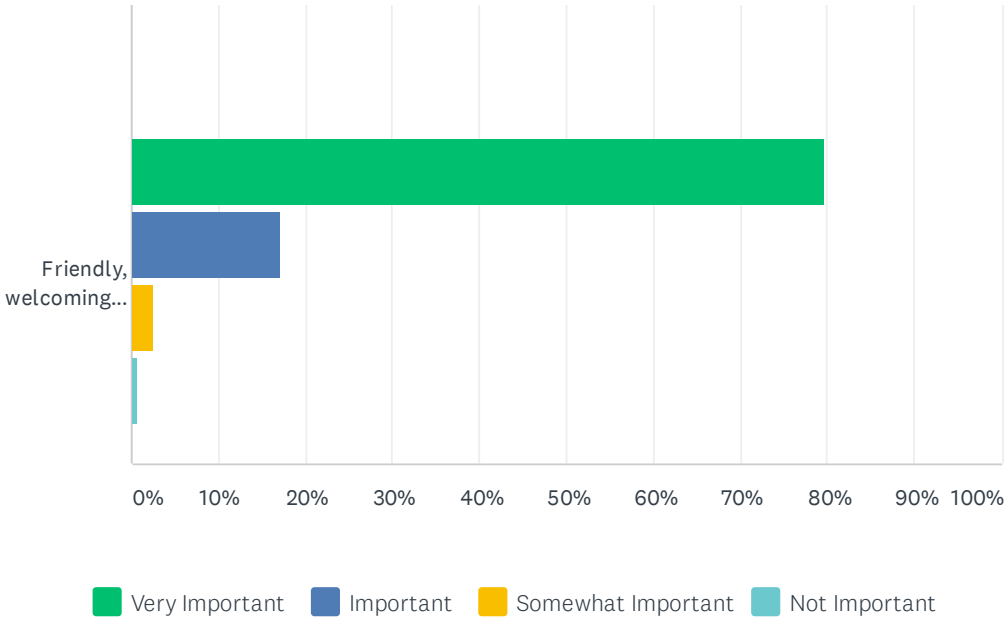
Natural beauty (scenic view...


Friendly, welcoming...
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Very Important
Important
Somewhat Important
Not Important

	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Historic buildings/districts	56.94% 160	31.67% 89	9.25% 26	2.14% 6	281	1.57
Charming downtown	63.54% 176	28.16% 78	5.42% 15	2.89% 8	277	1.48
Small town atmosphere	65.83% 183	26.62% 74	5.76% 16	1.80% 5	278	1.44
Compact development style (lack of sprawl)	49.82% 139	23.66% 66	17.56% 49	8.96% 25	279	1.86
Surrounding open/rural landscape	72.50% 203	20.00% 56	6.07% 17	1.43% 4	280	1.36
Railroad town	19.64% 55	26.07% 73	36.43% 102	17.86% 50	280	2.52
Western town	28.36% 78	31.27% 86	26.91% 74	13.45% 37	275	2.25
Unique businesses (locally-owned, not franchise)	70.46% 198	17.79% 50	8.19% 23	3.56% 10	281	1.45
Brick buildings	30.32% 84	32.13% 89	27.80% 77	9.75% 27	277	2.17
Authentic experience	53.79% 149	31.77% 88	9.75% 27	4.69% 13	277	1.65
Traditional neighborhood development style	38.69% 106	32.12% 88	19.71% 54	9.49% 26	274	2.00
"Human" scale of buildings (not bulky, too tall, or too big)	58.27% 162	25.54% 71	10.79% 30	5.40% 15	278	1.63
Outdoor lifestyle	76.98% 214	17.27% 48	5.40% 15	0.36% 1	278	1.29
Trees and landscaping	73.31% 206	20.64% 58	4.63% 13	1.42% 4	281	1.34
Natural beauty (scenic views, river, etc.)	88.57% 248	10.00% 28	1.43% 4	0.00% 0	280	1.13
Friendly, welcoming community	79.72% 224	17.08% 48	2.49% 7	0.71% 2	281	1.24

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Absence of chain retailers and fast food from downtown -- presence of independently owned businesses only.	6/4/2020 11:29 PM
2	Rid of governmental corruption and attacks on women.	6/3/2020 9:34 AM
3	Individuality, eclecticism, people first and foremost.	6/2/2020 10:26 PM
4	Ease of transportation, both pedestrian and motor vehicle. Sensible city ordinances. Local events that celebrate the people in the city and surrounding community.	6/2/2020 9:21 PM
5	I think that lack of sprawl is super important because it keeps the town "small" while allowing it to grow. I think that building taller buildings is great! I think that making them tasteful is important, locating them close to downtown is important but maybe don't tear down any of the the main street brick buildings. I was in the star district the other day and those suburbs are atrocious. There are way more than you think and you can see them just taking up grassland. My friends and I walked just a smidgen up past a lot and there were native wildflowers and grasses and it was sad to think that the area was going to become a house identical to the one next to it in the next year or so.	6/2/2020 1:07 PM
6	Autehntic means a living community with basic stores, not completely tourist based specialty stores which do not provide for the needs of year round residents.	6/2/2020 10:25 AM
7	This is a superficial set of questions that don't really get at the issues, but just are self reinforcing.	5/29/2020 1:16 PM
8	Too many art galleries, 2nd stores , I don’t buy that stuff. Need a store like the old Anthony’s, wholesome dry goods merchant.	5/29/2020 11:10 AM
9	no roundabouts, need gas station or reason to stop at east end entrance, no "big city" planners wanting to follow designs from large cities, we are not that. Keep it a walking town	5/29/2020 7:27 AM
10	The western lifestyle. Rodeo, livingston roundup, ranching, old pickups, heart k events, Yellowstone park, tourism, are all important to me. Please don’t become Bozeman. We’re close enough to Bozeman, people can go there if they want. Let’s keep livingston, livingston!	5/28/2020 11:46 PM
11	Low light pollution	5/28/2020 10:53 PM
12	THANK YOU!	5/28/2020 10:19 PM
13	Normal stores in downtown instead of only bars and art galleries. Nobody wants to go downtown because there is nothing there to go to.	5/28/2020 7:17 PM
14	Trails for walking and biking are in my opinion extremely important. Connecting the community, even on the outskirts of town to town	5/28/2020 4:56 PM
15	Healthy water, soil and air; Sustainable building and growth; Affordable housing are also very important to me. Also, I didn't know what "authentic experience" would mean to me or what that means generally.	5/28/2020 9:54 AM
16	Keep it simple. Focus on the community and not seasonal influxes of change. Really put the effort to completing a way of travel from north side to Rt. 10 thanks!	5/28/2020 9:52 AM
17	Keep it simple. Focus on the community and not seasonal influxes of change. Really put the effort to completing a way of travel from north side to Rt. 10 thanks!	5/28/2020 9:50 AM
18	Walkable with community trails, river focused and connected	5/28/2020 1:25 AM
19	historic buildings, very important, Historic districts just cause higher taxes and more stupid rules.	5/27/2020 9:59 PM
20	Keeping a small town vibe (Not becoming Bozeman or 90% of these up and coming towns and cities that are littered with atrocious “made in factory” buildings looking to appeal an architectural style that will die faster than the shag carpet)	5/27/2020 9:36 PM
21	Let’s not have what happened in Bozeman	5/27/2020 6:18 PM
22	COMMUNITY SERVICES THAT BENEFIT ALL. HONESTY IN GOVERNMENT. RESPECT FOR THE CONSTITUENTS AND RULE OF LAW	5/27/2020 5:42 PM

23	Pedestian & Bicycle Friendly; Two Way Main Street; Favors People Over Cars; Walkability; Flowers In Front Yards	5/27/2020 4:57 PM
24	Connecting bike and walking paths should be priority to handle the commuting around our crowded small town when the tourists arrive. Opens up opportunities for E-bike businesses, etc.	5/27/2020 4:27 PM
25	Make sure we are supporting vulnerable members of our community and that we are doing the work of creating and supporting an engaged, civil community	5/27/2020 4:22 PM
26	I didn’t place much importance on the railroad because passengers don’t get off here ... I would if they did!	5/27/2020 3:58 PM
27	I've lived in a community who allowed franchise businesses, but adhered to a strict building code, adopting the historical and/or theme represented in the town.	5/27/2020 3:47 PM
28	stop cookie cutter developments that look like any other town in US. Keep housing growth unique, not every 3rd or 4th house the same (dimensions, color, ...). Do not want to become a "Closet Community" that people live in but work and shop in Bozeman.	5/27/2020 3:25 PM
29	limit signage as much as legally possible	5/27/2020 3:21 PM
30	More open land access is good	5/27/2020 2:49 PM
31	Traffic planning is very critical before growth, Bozeman failed this	5/27/2020 2:49 PM
32	Some of tour wording is ridiculous	5/27/2020 2:46 PM
33	We don't need or want another Bozeman with traffic, noise, high cost to everyone....	5/27/2020 2:46 PM
34	In-fill would be great. The north side could really use some more small businesses interspersed businesses within walking distance of homes. We could really use a more extensive trail/biking system. And would love to see public access to railroad buildings!	5/27/2020 2:43 PM
35	Upkeep of property. Code enforcement to keep things from getting so run down. No trailer homes in city limits.	5/27/2020 2:41 PM
36	Environmental Ethics	5/27/2020 2:34 PM
37	A food system is needed so that ALL residents can access affordable, healthy food, all year 'round. The pandemic has revealed so many hungry people!	5/27/2020 2:32 PM
38	innovative, progessive, sustainable	5/27/2020 2:32 PM
39	Incorporating and balancing the progress of change ... and change is constant ... respecting all views	5/27/2020 10:26 AM
40	pathways to encourage biking and walking for pleasure and commute. Please be more thoughtful on developments and avoid urban sprawl.	5/27/2020 10:22 AM
41	It is very important for normal people to not be forced out of town due to increased property prices and taxes. I do not know the answer to this, but our town will be significantly different if the only people who can live here are rich. We need people from all walks of life and income brackets to make this place feel like home. I also think this means that if we can increase jobs we should be willing lose a little bit of our "character" if needed. Just not all of it! Thank you for your consideration.	5/27/2020 10:02 AM
42	Parking garage!	5/27/2020 9:59 AM
43	Amenities such as biking/hiking paths which benefit both citizens and tourists. Also keeping the city pedestrian friendly. The city's "dark skies" ordinance needs to be adhered to, which currently it is ignored by the casino on F St & Park. The bright blue & pink neon lights on its rooftop stay on from dusk to early morning, ruining the night-time views of the city and mountains. All the other downtown businesses turn their neon signage off by 2 AM. Why is the casino exempt?	5/27/2020 9:10 AM
44	Ability to walk and bike to a variety of locations	5/27/2020 7:47 AM
45	Some things that I value in our community’s character: safe and quiet streets; walkability and ride-ability to/from main economic and activity centers; conveniently bumping into familiar faces on the streets; close proximity to trails and natural areas; prioritizing bikes over cars; active volunteers and stewardship; and a growing passion for interconnected trails.	5/27/2020 5:42 AM

46	Ability for people to live and work in the community (i.e. affordable housing, living wage-jobs).	5/27/2020 3:13 AM
47	Bike Friendly	5/26/2020 10:41 PM
48	Lots of trails, parks, and public lands access.	5/26/2020 10:12 PM
49	Parking garage!	5/26/2020 9:40 PM
50	greenspace and parks	5/26/2020 8:56 PM
51	Dark night skies, safe active transportation routes, trails that feature the Yellowstone River and the northside hill (fish p hill), historic Bozeman trail, art installations	5/26/2020 8:11 PM
52	Two lane roads, not four lane highways! Until you've seen it, it is hard to understand how widening roads can destroy accessibility and character.	5/26/2020 8:06 PM
53	Keep the Civic Center, no fancy swimming pool	5/26/2020 7:54 PM
54	Easily accessible walking and bike trails, as much green as possible in town, leash-free trails	5/26/2020 6:19 PM
55	Prioritising active transportation linkages to main economic activities, meaning non-motorised; walkable, ridable, runnable linking a variety of public spaces.	5/26/2020 5:46 PM
56	Activities, such as fly fishing, floating down the Yellowstone, music, festivals, farmers markets, and arts.	5/26/2020 5:42 PM
57	Trail system	5/26/2020 5:09 PM
58	Approachable, not fussy. Blue collar and local.	5/26/2020 4:59 PM
59	People who genuinely are committed to the common good. A structure for having meaningful conversation on future growth.	5/26/2020 4:52 PM
60	The Civic Center building is not something I hold dear. When I think of the historic buildings I love, I think about the beautiful two-story brick buildings on Main Street.	5/26/2020 2:05 PM
61	The kindness and friendliness of this place.	5/25/2020 4:51 PM
62	Finding a balance between supporting our residents through affordable housing and retaining our charming atmosphere is totally doable and crucial.	5/25/2020 9:12 AM
63	Building homes that reflect the culture of our small western town. I see a lot of big contracting companies coming in and building cheap spec homes that no one likes the style of. Giving business to out of town and out off state contractors is deeply upsetting to a lot of poeple here. Also excluding the possibility of buying homes to rent out is deeply unappealing to many community members. It's the same thing with lease only land. Those seem to be big city mentalities that don't fit well in a small town and the push back you are receiving reflects that. If you have any questions I would be happy to help answer them to the best of my ability. Thanks. Brittany S. 406 223 4397	5/22/2020 5:15 PM
64	People who shop local instead of going to Bozeman boxstores or online.	5/22/2020 11:40 AM
65	Well kept and tidy. Strong code enforcement.	5/22/2020 6:43 AM
66	Walking, biking , hiking trails south into valley	5/21/2020 11:42 PM
67	Pride in the appearance of residential buildings and yards. Lots of rundown properties negatively impact the overall character.	5/21/2020 6:55 PM
68	Regulation of vacation rentals. They'll kill this town in so many ways! Look at the battle Jacson Hole has.	5/21/2020 6:03 PM
69	Trails!	5/21/2020 4:50 PM
70	Recognition of, and empathy and help for, those in need. Inclusive community spirit	5/21/2020 4:02 PM

Press Releases

The City issued press released throughout the Growth Policy Update process to notify community members about the project and public engagement opportunities.

The press releases are included on the following pages.

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For Immediate Release: City of Livingston

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Look and listen for the launch of an interactive website where you will be able to review the progress of the Growth Policy Update and sign up to receive updates, a social media presence, information in your utility bills, and a public survey.

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There will be many ways to be involved. Currently through January, you may take a survey about your opinions on priorities for the Growth policy on the project website: burtonplanning.com/LivingstonGrowthPolicy, also accessible via the City of Livingston's website. On January 28, 2020, there will be a community meeting from 6 – 8 PM at the City-County Complex at 414 E. Callender Street, Livingston. Additional opportunities for involvement will be advertised online, via radio and newspaper, on your utility bill, and throughout town. Sign up to be contacted with updates on the website or through Faith Kinnick at (406) 823-6002.

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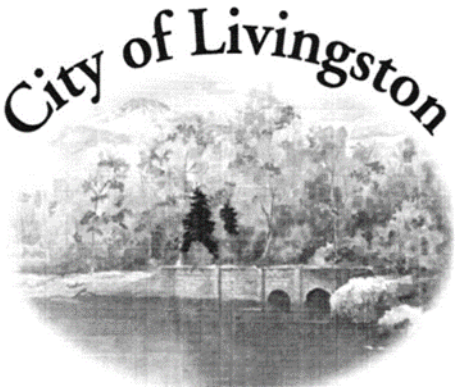

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Other current ways to be involved include following the City of Livingston on social media, visiting the project website for general information and updates, and taking a public opinion survey on the website: burtonplanning.com/LivingstonGrowthPolicy. Print versions of the survey are available at various locations. Contact Faith Kinnick at (406) 823-6002 for locations and instructions. The survey will be available through January 31, 2020.

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On Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at the Civic Center at 229 River Drive, Livingston, there will be two community meetings to get additional community input on the Growth Policy update and to

share information about the project. The same meeting will be held at two different times from 12-2 PM and 5-7 PM. Each meeting will be limited to 50 attendees as a public safety precaution. You may RSVP via the City's calendar at www.livingstonmontana.org/calendar. You may also contact Faith Kinnick at (406) 823-6002

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On Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at 6 pm, log on for a virtual community meeting to get an update on the project and to share your input. The meeting with feature the same presentation from

the June 16th Community Meetings, and will be followed by questions and answers. Pre-registration is not required.

Join Zoom Meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84277127595?pwd=K3V3NDlYcytzQi93a3NXRTNwSnJKUT09

Meeting ID: 842 7712 7595
Password: 659409

Call In:
(669) 900-6833 US (San Jose)

For additional information, you may visit the project website at http://burtonplanning.com/LivingstonGrowthPolicy/ or contact Faith Kinnick at (406) 823-6002

Website

The project website - http://burtonplanning.com/LivingstonGrowthPolicy/ - was active for the duration of the Growth Policy Update process. It contained seven pages with information that was updated when available:

- Home: Links to most relevant content, search bar, and email sign-up form
- About: Overview of process, and project team information
- News & Updates: Listing of notifications about relevant media coverage or deliverables; also includes the Monthly Status Reports
- Community Participation: Meeting agendas and summaries, survey links and summaries, email sign-up form, and community feedback form
- Contact: Point of contact for questions and comments
- FAQ: Frequently asked questions related to the Growth Policy Update process
- Draft Documents: Project deliverables available for review and comment

Screen captures of each page as they existed in September 2020 are included on the following pages to demonstrate the website setup and content. The Monthly Status Reports are also included.

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Find out about the Livingston, Montana Growth Policy.

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Learn more about the community's opinions on future development.

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Draft Community Profile

Read about Livingston's demographics, natural resources, services, and more.

Learn More

Community Meeting Recap

Learn more about what was covered at the June 16 and July 1 Community Meetings.

Meeting Summaries

Welcome Livingston!

Welcome to the homepage of the Livingston, Montana Growth Policy project website. On this website, you can find information on the project, who is involved, and how you can participate.

Please take a look around and sign up with your email address using the form to the right to receive updates on the Growth Policy planning process so you stay informed!

Type your search

Sign Up for Email Updates

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CITY OF LIVINGSTON GROWTH POLICY

About the Livingston Growth Policy

Description

The City of Livingston began a process to update to the ***2017 Growth Policy*** in October 2019. The City sought to update the Growth Policy to reflect the needs and desires of the community and to provide meaningful guidance for the City for future land use decisions.

On October 1, 2019, the City Commission passed a resolution to hire Burton Planning Services (the consultant) to perform the update. Major steps included collecting and analyzing information, determining community concerns, and making recommendations pertinent to all facets of the Growth Policy such as economy, housing, land use, local services, population, public facilities, natural resources, transportation, intergovernmental coordination, policies and regulations, and more.

The process will continue through January 2020 when adoption is anticipated. In the meantime, opportunities will be available to provide input on goals and components of the Growth Policy.

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Applied Communications
Kate McMahon, Principal

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News & Updates

All of the latest news related to the Livingston Growth Policy will be uploaded to this page.

Draft Community Profile is Available (8/12/20)

The Community Profile is one chapter of the 2020 Growth Policy update. The Report summarizes the existing conditions of the City, along with the community's unique characteristics that impact and will be affected by future growth within and adjacent to the City. The Report establishes a baseline upon which the recommendations of the Growth Policy will be built.

Read the Community Profile Download

Information on how to provide comments, and to view other draft documents: Draft Documents page

Survey Results are Available (5/8/20)

Visit the Community Participation page of the website to read the survey summary.

Monthly Status Reports

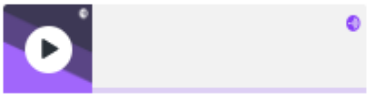
Check here for monthly reports on the progress of the Growth Policy.
GrowthPolicyStatusReports Download

Montana Public Radio's Story on The Growth Policy Update (1/30/20)

https://www.mtpr.org/post/livingston-drafting-new-growth-policy

Fast forward to 7:40 to begin listening to the story.

City Manager Michael Kardoes' interview on "A Podcast Runs Through It." (1/17/20)



Fast forward to 20:46 to begin listening to Mr. Kardoes' interview.

City of Livingston Commission Meeting (11/5/19)

You can also download the presentation ***here***.

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Community Participation

The City of Livingston welcomes feedback from the community throughout the Growth Policy planning process. There are several ways you can participate in this process:

1. Attend meetings.
2. Sign up to receive updates throughout the planning process.
3. Use the Community Feedback Form to provide any feedback, including questions, comments, and recommendations on Livingston's Growth Policy.

Mini-Survey on Community Character

We wanted to know more about your opinions on preserving community character, so we issued a brief survey to hear from you. Over 280 people responded between May 25 and June 5, 2020! **Below is a graphic showing the most common themes mentioned when asked to define "community character".**

Opinions on Future Growth Areas

As part of the Community Meetings on June 16 and July 1, 2020, and for a period of time online thereafter, community members shared their opinions on development that could occur in the future growth areas and the Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction.

Summary of Community Opinions Download

Virtual Community Meeting #2 – July 1, 2020

Community members logged on to hear a status update on the Growth Policy process and continue the discussion about the future of Livingston. *Featured the presentation from the June 16th Community Meetings.* Questions and answers followed.

PDF copy of presentation here: Download

Watch a recording of the meeting.

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Community Meeting #2 – June 16, 2020

Community members attended two instances of this meeting on June 16th – 12 pm and 5 pm – at the Civic Center to hear an update on the Growth Policy process and continue the discussion about the future of Livingston.

PDF copy of the presentation here: Download

Visual Preference Survey Results Summary: Download

Survey Results Summary

See who responded to the survey and what they had to say about their opinions on priorities to include in the Growth Policy (***click here to download a PDF***).

Community Meeting #1 – January 28, 2020

Find out what was discussed at the Community Meeting by reading the summary (***click here to download a PDF***).

See a summary of the Visual Preference Survey results (***click here to download a PDF***).

Sign Up to Receive Updates

Name *

First Last

E-mail *

Submit

Community Feedback Form

Name *

First Last

Email *

Phone Number (Optional)

Comment or Message *

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What topics will the Growth Policy address?

- Economy
- Housing
- Intergovernmental Coordination
- Land Use
- Local Services
- Natural Resources
- Policies, Regulations, and Other Measures
- Population
- Public Facilities
- Transportation

What is the timeline for Livingston's Growth Policy Update?

Project kickoff and initial collection of information	October – December 2019
Survey, community meeting, & establish goals and objectives	December 2019 – March 2020
Project growth trends, identify needs, & community meeting	March – July 2020
Update the Growth Policy	July – October 2020
Finalize the Growth Policy & adopt	October – December 2020

How can I be involved?

Visit the Community Participation page for information on meetings and other ways to provide your input.

Draft Documents

This page hosts the latest versions of the Growth Policy and associated documents.

Please direct any feedback on the draft documents to:

Faith Kinnick, Administrative Assistant | City Manager's Office | 110 S. B Street, Livingston, MT 49047 | Phone: 406-823-6002 | Email: fkinnick@livingstonmontana.org **or** via the **Community Feedback Form** (you will see it at the bottom of the page after you click the link).

Draft Community Profile

The Draft Community Profile documents the "existing conditions" within Livingston as pertain to the topics that will addressed in the Growth Policy. The Draft Community Profile provides a snapshot in time.

You may view the Draft Community Profile by clicking the "Download" button below.

Thank you, to everyone who took the time to read and comment on the Draft Community Profile. The Project Team and City will consider everyone's comments as we finalize the Community Profile and draft the other sections of the Growth Policy.

Community Profile Download