Growth Policy Kick-Off

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Roosevelt County Growth Policy

• A Growth Policy provides foundational set of policies for community’s physical and economic development
  • Consensus-driven, guiding, non-regulatory
  • Tools to implement long-range planning goals

• MCA 76-1-601 enables Counties to create and implement a growth policy

• Interstate Engineering was selected to write the new growth policy on April 21, 2020
Interstate Engineering’s Planning Team

Brent Moore
- Regional VP/Planning Director
- Planner in Eastern MT for 14 years
- Written Several Growth Policies for Counties in MT:
  - Granite
  - Sheridan
  - Carbon
  - Treasure
  - Daniels

Matt Lower
- Planning Manager/Grant Writer
- 5-years experience in rural development across the western United States
- Former Tribal Planner for the Kalispel Tribe of Indians
1. Outreach/Information Gathering (35%)
2. Plan Creation (55%)
3. Refinement and Adoption (10%)
Phase 1: Outreach/Information Gathering
Stakeholder Interviews

• County Commissioners
• Staff Member of Each Incorporated Town
• Large Business Owners
• Community Groups
• Great Northern Development Corporation
• Schools
• Tribal Executives/Staff
Public Survey

- Survey Monkey
- Work with County, Municipalities, and Tribal Governments to publish online
- Make Available in Public Locations, i.e. Library
Existing Conditions Review

- Existing Plans/Policies/Studies
- On-going projects
- Demographics
- Housing
- Environmental
- Basic Economic Analysis
Phase 2: Plan Creation
1. Policy Overview
2. Existing Conditions
3. Land Use and Transportation
4. Economic Development
5. Streamlined Service Delivery
6. Natural Resources
7. Implementation Matrix

Anticipated Chapters
Land Use and Transportation

Potential Items of Discussion:

• Subdivision Revisions
• Sub-Area Planning
• Ways to Promote Compatible Development
• Transportation Impacts
• Non-Motorized and/or OHV Transportation
• Amtrak
• Protecting Property Rights/Agriculture Land
Economic Development

Potential Items of Discussion:

• Housing Policy
• Shovel-Ready Sites
• Tax-Title Properties
• Opportunity Zones
• New Markets Tax Credits
• Partnerships
Streamlined Service Delivery

Potential Items of Discussion:
• Inter-Government Coordination
• Capital Facilities Planning
• Emergency Operations Planning
• State/Federal Grants
• Health and Social Services
Natural Resources

Potential Items of Discussion:
• Oil and Gas Extraction
• Renewable Energy
• Agricultural Issues
• Weed Control
• The Missouri River
• Tourism
Community Meetings

• Anticipate 2-3 Meetings to present the draft plan in Early-Mid Fall
  • Wolf Point
  • Poplar
  • Culbertson

• Meeting Topics:
  • Contents of the Draft Plan
  • Good things about living in Roosevelt County
  • What opportunities for improvement did we miss?
Phase 3: Adaption- Early 2021
Timeline

Phase 1
Outreach Activities       June-Aug

Phase 2
Plan Creation            July-Dec
Community Meetings       Early-Mid Fall

Phase 3
Adoption                 Jan-Feb (2021)
Questions?

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