

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

FROM: Jon Henderson, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT: Bozeman Creek Resiliency Plan Public Engagement Plan

MEETING DATE: October 7, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Plan/Report/Study

RECOMMENDATION: Bozeman Creek Resiliency Plan - Public Engagement Plan

STRATEGIC PLAN: 4.2 High Quality Urban Approach: Continue to support high-quality planning, ranging from building design to neighborhood layouts, while pursuing urban approaches to issues such as multimodal transportation, infill, density, connected trails and parks, and walkable neighborhoods.

BACKGROUND: The City Commission approved [Resolution 5626](#) on August 6th, 2024 adopting the Bozeman Creek Resiliency Plan as a Commission priority to increase ecological health, provide better connectivity, celebrate natural heritage, and mitigate flood hazards within urbanized sections of Bozeman Creek. This project builds on previous work such as the [2012 Bozeman Creek Enhancement Plan](#), the [2020 Bozeman Creek Analysis Technical Assistance Grant Report](#), and the [2023 Gallatin Valley Sensitive Lands Protection Plan](#), among other important efforts.

The Bozeman Creek Resiliency Plan will provide a valuable resource in support of the following goals:

- Enhance flood mitigation efforts
- Improve water quality
- Increase access and connectivity to parks & trails
- Strengthen community connection to a vital resource

The attached Community Engagement Plan describes the approach that will be followed to ensure an inclusive process. The City Commission will have an opportunity to provide input before approving a Resolution at a later date adopting the Community Engagement Plan as required by the Montana Land Use Planning Act.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As directed by the City Commission.

FISCAL EFFECTS: This project is funded through the FY26 adopted budget from a combination of funds including the Parks Maintenance District Fund (\$50,000), the Stormwater Fund (\$50,000), and the Public Works Administration Fund (\$50,000) for a total of \$150,000.

Attachments:

[Community Engagement Plan - Bozeman Creek Resiliency Plan.pdf](#)

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