



RESOLUTION NO. BPC 2008-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GALLATIN COUNTY BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
ESTABLISHING GALLATIN VALLEY INTERCONNECT**

THIS RESOLUTION was introduced by the Board of Park Commissioners, moved by Commissioner Fink, and seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson. This resolution was adopted unanimous.

WHEREAS, on December 19, 1989 the Gallatin County Commissioner adopted the "Gallatin County Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan" to help guide future location and development of parks and recreation in the county; and

WHEREAS, the Gallatin County Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan is in need of updating to meet the current and future growth of the County; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 1990, the Gallatin County Commissioners, pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 76-1-104 *et. seq.*, created a Planning Board (Resolution 1990-21); and

WHEREAS, Mont. Code Ann. § 76-1-102 states the purpose of the Planning Board is to encourage local governments to improve the present health, safety, convenience, and welfare of their citizens and to plan for the future development of their communities to the end that highway systems be carefully planned; that new community centers grow only with adequate highway, utility, health, educational, and recreational facilities; that the needs of agriculture, industry, and business be recognized in future growth; that residential areas provide healthy surroundings for family life; and that the growth of the community be commensurate with and promotive of the efficient and economical use of public funds.

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2001, the Planning Board adopted resolution PB-2001-04 recommending adoption and implementation of "Connecting Communities: Gallatin County Trails Report and Plan" (Gallatin County Trails Plan); and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2002 the Gallatin County Commission passed a resolution (2002-04) adopting "Connecting Communities: Gallatin County Trails Report and Plan" (Gallatin County Trails Plan) as a revision to the Gallatin County Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Gallatin County Trails Plan is in need of updating to address the current and future growth patterns of the County; and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2004, the Gallatin County Commissioners, pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 7-16-2301 *et. seq.*, created a Board of Park Commissioners (Resolution No. 2004-130); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners manages and oversees all county park land within Gallatin County including the administration of the 1989 Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan; and

WHEREAS, the interests of the Park Commission and Planning Board are mutual in relation to updating the Parks and Open Space Plan and the Gallatin County Trails Plan and would benefit in working together to consolidate the two plans into one county-wide plan for Parks, Trails and Open Space.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Gallatin County Board of Park Commissioners recommends entering into a joint effort with the Gallatin County Planning Board to consolidating the updates to the Gallatin County Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan and the updates to the Gallatin County Trails Plan into one master plan being termed "Gallatin Valley Interconnect".


The mission of Gallatin Valley Interconnect is to build a system of interconnected parks and trails for the use and enjoyment of the people of Gallatin County for future generations. Gallatin Valley Interconnect will exist of four components:

1. A Vision Statement that describes the current and future direction that the county will work towards in building a system of interconnected parks and trails;
2. Policy Document: a document that outlines policies and procedures, standards and practices, and priorities for existing and new facilities. The Policy Document is intended to continue to be part of the Gallatin County Growth Policy, however it is not intended to be a regulatory document;
3. Draft Regulation: a document that outlines regulatory guidelines for the size, location and type of parks or trails that will be required for future growth and subdivision in the county. The draft regulations will be designed and written to be incorporated into the Gallatin County Subdivision Regulations at such time as the Planning Board and County Commission deem it necessary.
4. Funding Analysis: a document that will outline the funding needs to meet the established levels of service for parks and trails in the county and define funding options to meet those levels of service.

We further request that the Planning Board adopt and forward a companion resolution similar to this one to the Gallatin County Commission for adoption. In order to legitimize and solidify the Gallatin Valley Interconnect, we ask the County Commission to sanction the joint efforts of the Park Commission and the Planning Board.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this May 21, 2008 by the Board of Park Commissioners.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF
GALLATIN COUNTY, MONTANA


Patrick Finnegan, Chairperson