



Planning Department Monthly Report

For the Month of: August 2012

Past Month Highlights (Prioritized in order of significance)

- Issued two Development Certificates – (Gray Wolf Major Subdivision & Ovando)
- Issued two Right-of-Way Permits
- Passed the Association of State Floodplain Manager's Certification Exam
- Participated in a Milwaukee Roundhouse meeting with DEQ, DNRC, & GWE staff in Helena
- Presented the Roundhouse Park proposal to the UCFRB Advisory Council
- Conducted the Southwest Montana Planner's Workshop in Deer Lodge
- Attended the Western Planner's Conference in Billings / MAP board and annual meetings
- Met with Jeff McQueary to discuss Outdoor Education Center projects
- Met with Joe Armstrong to review floodplain provisions and the process to amend FIRMs
- Facilitated a long-range planning session for the Arrowstone Park Board
- Attended the Arrowstone Park Board meeting and composed their minutes

Progress on Major Goals for the Year

- **Update the Growth Policy Plan and supporting documentation.**
 - None.
- **Coordinate the County's GIS capabilities among the various user groups**
 - None

Major Focus for Next Month

- Prepare agenda materials for the Planning Board
- Post online the newly created job description for the Environmental / GIS Technician

Items of Interest for the County Commissioners

- County Attorney advised the Planning Board of their authority to place conditions on decisions / actions
- Planning Board determined two COSs were not attempts to evade Subdivision Review

Budget

- Department used five-percent of its budget in August and eight-percent for the year.

Upcoming Staffing Concerns

- Started to compose a job description for an Environmental / GIS Technician.