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MISSOULA PARKS AND RECREATION PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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City seeks volunteers for Open Space Advisory Committee

The City of Missoula is seeking volunteers to help preserve and protect open spaces and trail corridors throughout the Missoula Valley by serving on the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC).

Working with Missoula Parks and Recreation staff, OSAC reviews potential open space acquisition and conservation projects. The committee assesses whether these projects align with the city's open space goals and provides recommendations to the City Council. OSAC's findings are vital to the City Council's decision-making process when allocating funds from the 2018 Open Space Bond.

The City of Missoula promotes diversity and inclusion across all boards and committees. Engaging individuals from a wide range of backgrounds, demographics, skills, competencies, and experiences is critical to representing our community effectively. Residents passionate about promoting climate resiliency and social equity within our community are encouraged to apply. In addition, those interested in protecting natural resources, improving trail connectivity, and enhancing access to open space in and around Missoula may be interested in serving.

OSAC meets on the second Thursday of each month at 4 p.m., with occasional project site visits. The expected monthly time commitment for volunteers is approximately 5 hours or less, although some months may require additional time for reviewing complex or multiple projects.

Interested individuals are invited to apply for this rewarding volunteer position at the City's [Open Space Advisory Committee website](#) by clicking the green "View Vacancies" button in the webpage's top right corner. Applications are open until the position is filled; applicants must live within City limits.

Open Space Advisory Committee volunteers directly contribute to protecting Missoula's cherished open spaces and make a lasting impact on the community they serve. For additional information, please contact Zac Covington, the City Open Space Program Manager, at 406-552-6267 or via email at covingtonz@ci.missoula.mt.us.