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Subject: STREAMSIDE SETBACK COMMITTEE

After reading the article in the Ravalli Republic I am in shock that the County Commissioners would employ volunteers that thought the best interest of the people would be exercised by NOT allowing them to be part of the process. The old adage, if you don't listen how can you learn theory certainly works here. The citizens of any county have a constitutional right to be heard and done so in a public format. If it's an inconvenience or takes up too much time, then additional public meetings would need to be made. Just goes with the job you've elected and been elected or volunteered to participate in!

It seems that instead of regulating your continuants that perhaps you could consider giving something back to the community.

Like:

Instead of the kids hanging out on the weekends in Les Schwab's parking lot, if they had a Teen Center to go to, a place for their local bands, DJ's, ping pong, dancing, pool tables, etc.

An Architectural Review Committee for Commercial and Industrial
Beautification Committee To Review Commercial and Industrial, Signs, Landscaping, Parking, etc
More Parks and Recreational Areas.
Little League Fields
Soccer Fields
Walking Paths
Street Lighting
Weekly Events Sponsored by the County--Music, Poetry, etc.
Support Boy and Girl Scout Programs
Summer Programs that keep kids busy and active
Create Jobs

You're not the first to try a "No Growth" policy, certainly controlling growth is workable, restricting or trying to eliminate it only creates lawsuits where the taxpayers loose. Instead of trying to place restriction after restriction on private property, perhaps having a Beautification Committee would be productive. Having 20% of commercial properties green has been established around this country years ago. Having a Car Dealership and a Castle for a lumber company without any lawn or landscaping, no pedestrian paths, etc., is ridiculous and a complete lack of vision. Why not create beneficial regulations that everyone benefits from and not ones that take away property rights from a select few? Allow private citizens to get involved, make suggestions and be a part of the solutions and not the victims. As for the zoning issue, had you dealt with Commercial and Industrial first before putting everything in one basket and ticking off the agricultural and residential base you probably would have had an easier road to go down, not to mention hiring a firm in Boulder with little agricultural background.

There is so much that is needed in this county, especially in communities outside of Hamilton. Step back and really look and see what the benefits are outside of the wonderful views and how you can improve on them! This is what you were elected for, not to make every issue so divisive that nothing gets done except fighting and letter writing...remember please, you were elected not APPOINTED! I recognize there are two sides to any debate, but at what costs do you keep on digging in!

Perhaps working with the community, stepping back and analyzing exactly what the citizens hard earned money is being spent on. Instead of defending law suits and the many that are sure to come, providing benefits to all of the valley citizens would put the money to a better use.

I thank you for you time and please look at what you're actually spending the citizens money for!!

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