



City of Hamilton

223 South 2nd Street
Hamilton, Montana 59840

Hello,

I am writing to follow up on Hamilton's comprehensive plan update. As you may recall, back in November we organized a series of meetings and workshops to discuss how and where Hamilton grows over the next 20-years. These discussions examined potential growth areas both inside and outside the city, based on community needs (e.g. housing) and the location of existing city infrastructure (water, sewer, streets).

Since that time, we have worked to translate those discussions into a draft land use framework and associated future land use map – available at www.envisionhamilton.com under the Project Files section or directly at <https://www.envisionhamilton.com/12101/widgets/35830/documents/31618>. The future land use map will not regulate land use nor will it in any way bind you or your property to any future outcome. Rather it will serve to guide requests for annexations and zoning changes and identify infrastructure improvements needed to serve growth. For example, if a landowner outside city limits requests annexation into the city, that request would be evaluated for conformance with the future land use map. If that same landowner opted not to annex and instead develop in the County, the future land use map and city development regulations would not apply; the city does not have jurisdiction over lands outside its boundaries. The overall intent of the land use framework is to provide predictability for landowners, neighbors, and developers about where and how growth can be accommodated in a way that is considerate of cultural, fiscal, and environmental impacts.

A public review draft of the comprehensive plan update will be available by mid-June. To discuss and answer questions from you and your neighbors about the land use framework, and plan update, we have scheduled a meeting on **Monday, June 13, 2022 @ 5:30 P.M. in Hamilton City Hall – 223 S. 2nd Street**. Hard copies of the land use framework will be available. There will also be a public open house on June 14th in City Hall, detailed information on the open house will be posted at www.envisionhamilton.com.

If at any point you would like to have a conversation about the land use framework or comprehensive plan update, please do not hesitate to contact me. I'd be happy to meet you at a place of your choosing or hop on a phone call.

Take Care,

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