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Prepared for the Bonner/Milltown Community Council

Bonner/Milltown is an independent, complete community.

Bonner, Milltown and West Riverside share a common vision of a complete, independent community that benefits from its proximity to the City of Missoula, but provides for basic needs locally. The growing community benefits from amenities such as quality schools, a community center designed for all ages, well-maintained public space and modern infrastructure. Bonner/Milltown also provides an economy that includes jobs as well as local shops and services.

Bonner/Milltown is welcoming to diversity and is a place for people of all ages.

The Bonner/Milltown community is a place where people from all walks of life find fulfillment and connection. While the community is home to long-timers who have lived there most of their lives, it is welcoming to newcomers who are drawn to the area. Bonner/Milltown also values the role of commuters and visitors as well as residents to make the community a great place to live. Most especially, though, the community is a place for all ages and household types including youth, families, singles, couples and elders, where people can live an entire, rich life.

Bonner is affordable to a variety of households.

Bonner/Milltown has a reputation for affordability. In order to accommodate a variety of household types, income ranges and life phases, Bonner/Milltown provides housing stock that ranges in size, type and price. Providing for a variety of households increases the types of people who live in the community and makes it possible for residents to stay longer when they don't have to move out when life changes, which improves community cohesion and longevity.

Bonner is known for its quality of life, rural character and abundant natural amenities.

The Bonner/Milltown area is prized for its beautiful natural environment. As a result of thoughtful conservation, the area is served by stunning views, clean air and fresh rivers. Residents enjoy unparalleled access to nature through proximity, trails to recreation areas, and the popular Milltown State Park.

Bonner is rooted in its blue-collar heritage.

Bonner/Milltown has a unique heritage as a company town built on the lumber industry. This heritage is visible in historic structures as well as functioning industrial sites and serves as a source of pride for the community. This visual and tangible connection creates a unique identity for residents to connect with, contributing to Bonner/Milltown's character as an independent, complete community.