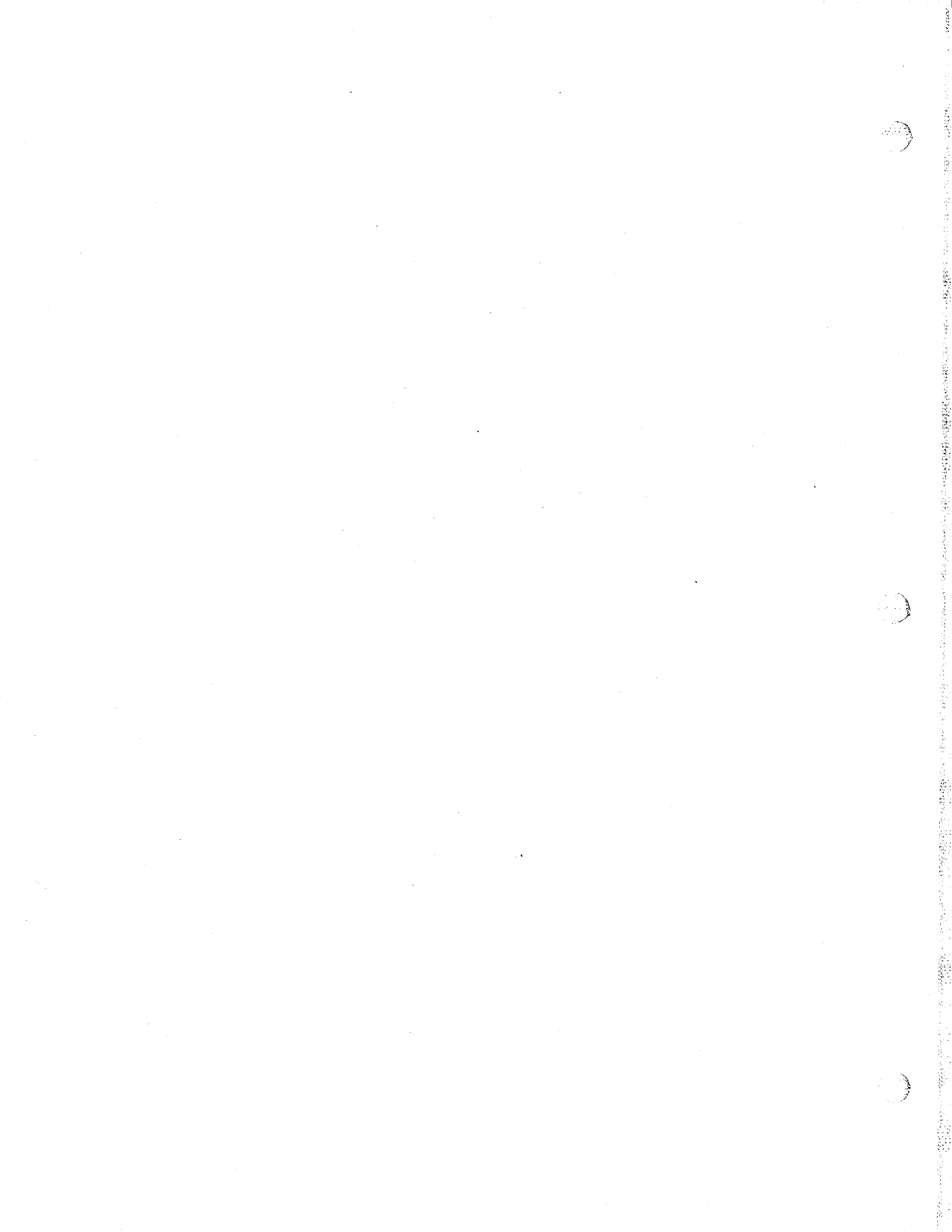


**BIGFORK AREA  
LAND USE PLAN**

**AN ADDENDUM TO THE  
FLATHEAD COUNTY MASTER PLAN**

**ADOPTED BY THE  
FLATHEAD COUNTY, MONTANA  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 933A  
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From: The Steering Committee for Bigfork Planning Area

Date: Plan submitted for review March 11, 1992.

The Steering Committee, representing the land area within High School District 38 and Grade School District 4, request that you review the enclosed proposal and accept the plan in its entirety. The stated goals and policies reflect responses to the survey with a 60% or greater concurrence by the community.

The Land Use Plan for the Bigfork Planning Area as described herein is proposed to become a particular part of the Flathead County Master Plan. Since we do not yet have access to the new Zoning Regulations and revised zoning categories currently being developed by the Flathead Regional Development Office, we wish to reserve the right to actively participate in conforming the Bigfork Area Plan to the revised Zoning Ordinances.

This plan does not stifle growth. In fact, some would say it permits too much growth. It does accommodate compatible growth. It will deter incompatible development.

The Committee believes this document makes the most sensible use of the land in the Bigfork area, given the constraints of present use and existing parcels. The committee has tried to be faithful to the expressed public interests in preserving open spaces and limiting commercial sprawl.

The Committee recommends a specific plan be prepared directed to the "Bigfork Village" area alone. The purpose of a specific plan is to "Provide For Harmonious Development" and to "Reduce Traffic Impacts."

The following are the specific plan goals:

1. It shall be a goal of the Bigfork Village Specific Plan to achieve a unique, identifiable, commercial and residential center around the Bay and inlet that provides a distinct cultural and physical unity in a manner that acknowledges and takes advantage of the Swan River, Flathead Lake and the surrounding mountain views.
2. It shall be a goal of the Bigfork Village Specific Plan to develop a community that provides uses and services to residents, visitors and employees of the Bigfork Planning District in a healthful, esthetic and safe environment.

The Committee plans to continue to work to refine this document. The Committee recognizes that the County's time limit precluded full articulation of regulations and other components of a plan that would address the Bigfork area concerns. Nevertheless, the unanimous request of the Committee is that the County adopt this Zoning Plan as quickly as possible.