

# League of Women Voters

The Billings League of Women Voters did an extensive study and examination of the Yellowstone County/City of Billings 2003 Growth Policy, as well as a full bibliography of related documents, including the hydrology study of West Billings done by the school of mines from Butte.

There were more than 50 public meetings in relation to adoption of the Growth Policy and hundreds of hits on the county web site.

Public opinion overwhelmingly advocated preservation and special planning attention to the Yellowstone River. This was a point upon which no one disagreed at that time.

Our Growth Policy, as finally adopted, states, "The quality of the Yellowstone River and the associated riparian habitat is threatened. ...Strive to protect the Yellowstone River so that wildlife, water quality and quantity, recreational activities and aesthetic uses will be preserved."

**The implementation strategy in our Growth Policy states, "Support river protection measures by establishing a conservation corridor along the Yellowstone River."**

The Billings League of Women Voters supports SB173 which allows local government to establish such conservation management corridors.

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