

INCORPORATION EXPLORATION: REPORT SUMMARY

What We're Doing & Why it Matters

We are a group with diverse perspectives from the Big Sky community working together to explore incorporation. Our goal is to see if there is another way for our community to operate that's different from the current approach that better serves the needs of the various populations here.

Over three working sessions, we created a plan to leverage resort tax leadership and funding to engage citizens and drive a rigorous, unconstrained incorporation study. The study will lay out the potential implications/impacts of incorporation.

We would like to empower voters to make an informed decision, so our community can move forward effectively.

Context

- There have been several past efforts to look into incorporation.
- An unconstrained incorporation study has never been done in Big Sky.
- Every time our community goes through this, there is a monetary and social cost.
- Big Sky grew by 176% between 2010 and 2020, creating high demand on core services.
- The Big Sky community knows our own needs better and can make better decisions for our community than the county governments can.

Request for the BSRAD Board

1. We request approval to house this report on the BSRAD website.
2. We request approval to expand the current BSRAD incorporation subcommittee to include the workshop group.
3. We request approval to generate a request for proposals (RFP) for a rigorous, unconstrained incorporation study, including in-depth community engagement, funded by BSRAD.

Read the full report in the 9/13/23 BSRAD board packet at resorttax.org.