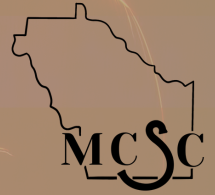


MEAGHER COUNTY STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL



Willow Planting Completed Ahead of Ranching for Rivers Fencing Project

The Meagher County Stewardship Council recently completed willow planting along a local streambank in preparation for a larger Ranching for Rivers fencing project scheduled for this summer.

The willow plantings are intended to support long-term streambank stability, improve riparian habitat, and help protect water quality. The upcoming fencing project will allow the landowner and leaseholder to better manage livestock access to the stream while maintaining the property’s agricultural use.

This project is being completed in partnership with the landowner, leaseholder, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Black Butte Copper, and Montana Trout Unlimited. Black Butte Copper, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, and Montana Trout Unlimited are also providing important matching funds to help move the project forward.



Upcoming Events

Farmers Markets
JULY 9
AUGUST 20
SEPTEMBER 14

4th of July
JULY 4 , 2026

August Council Meeting
AUG 4 , 2026

September Council Meeting
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

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Community Committees Continue Addressing Housing and Childcare Needs



MCSC continues to support community-led efforts focused on two of Meagher County's most pressing needs: housing and childcare.

The Meagher County Housing League is exploring opportunities to rehabilitate vacant and underused homes for long-term rental or owner-occupied housing. The group is working to better understand available properties, potential funding sources, ownership models, and partnerships that could help bring homes back into productive use.

The Meagher County Childcare Coalition is working with Zero to Five Montana to better understand local childcare needs and identify realistic solutions for families, providers, and employers. Current efforts include gathering community input, evaluating gaps in infant, preschool, and school-age care, and exploring ways to support and expand childcare capacity in Meagher County.

Connecting and Building Capacity

In June, MCSC hosted a free, full-day training for nonprofit organizations and community groups in Meagher County. The training was led by Adam Jespersen and Julie Tate with the Montana Nonprofit Association and focused on volunteer recruitment and retention, board development, and understanding nonprofit financials.

Sixteen participants representing organizations from across Meagher County attended the training. The day gave local nonprofit leaders an opportunity to strengthen practical skills, ask questions specific to their organizations, and connect with others doing community-based work.

The training was offered as part of MCSC's ongoing effort to increase access to professional development opportunities in rural communities. Lunch was sponsored by Opportunity Bank, and participants were also entered into a drawing for a free registration to the Montana Nonprofit Association Annual Conference in Helena.

The Meagher County Stewardship Council shepherds efforts to safeguard and enhance the natural resources, culture, and economic interests of Meagher County for the benefit of current and future generations.

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