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COMPLAINT FORM (07/01)

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PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT (COMPLAINANT):

COMPLETE NAME: Paul Belanger

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PERSON OR ORGANIZATION AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT (RESPONDENT):

COMPLETE NAME Higher Ground Foundation

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE SECOND PAGE OF THIS FORM AND DESCRIBE IN DETAIL THE FACTS OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION.

VERIFICATION BY OATH OR AFFIRMATION

STATE OF MONTANA, COUNTY OF Ravalli

I, Paul Belanger, being duly sworn, state that the information in this Complaint is complete, true, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(SEAL) AMY ALFORD NOTARIAL SEAL STATE OF MONTANA

Paul R. Belanger
Signature of Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of October, 2008.

Amy Alford AMY ALFORD
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 06/09/2012 Residing at: Corvallis

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

Describe in detail the alleged violation(s) and cite the statute or statutes you believe have been violated. Please attach copies of documentary evidence to support the facts alleged in your statement.

If the space provided below is insufficient, you may attach additional pages as necessary.

This complaint is filed against the Higher Ground Foundation, which is actively campaigning for a ballot measure, R-1-08, in Ravalli County. R-1-08 would repeal Ravalli County's Growth Policy; it is on the November 4, 2008 ballot. The brochure found in Attachment I was produced by Higher Ground Foundation. It does not list the Treasurer of the incidental ballot committee, as required under 13-35-225 MCA. This noncompliant communication should be withdrawn from circulation immediately or brought into compliance, as required under 13-35-225 MCA.

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the same pattern.

Why can't a no vote on zoning stop everything?

First of all the county has said they do not want you to vote on zoning until after we have had a chance to live with it. Also a vote on zoning allows those in the cities to vote and have weight on what you do with your property. Where a vote to repeal the growth policy will only be voted on by the citizens in the county who are actually being regulated.

Even if there is zoning we will get over it. What is the big deal?

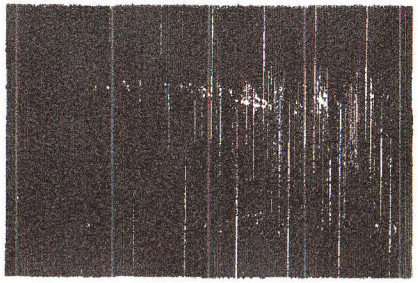
We are privileged to live in one of the last states that hasn't handed over its property rights and natural resources. There is a lot of interest in Washington D.C. where the federal government would like us to turn over our waterways to the federal government. These waterways would then be permitted and our state would not have full use unless the government grants us that right. This is the national trend for our resources such as mineral rights, land use, land easements and water control. Why would we enter into submission when we have the support of the citizens to fight zoning now?

Why is Ravalli County so excited to zone us?

Sadly this is not only happening in Ravalli County. There are many more counties across the state that have or are currently coming across the same regulations. It is no coincidence that the regulations and documents from other counties look very similar to our own.

Is it better to zone for use instead of density?

Our state requires that if we do start to zone that we zone for use, height, and setback. Density is not required. But even with use zoning, this would keep an industry from other residential uses, there can be trouble as well. I.E. Where your neighborhood business falls under use zoning. How many employees, where you put your feed, how many animals you have, etc.



Vote ☑ **Yes** to

REPEAL

THE GROWTH POLICY

There are not a lot of times when one vote makes a difference. This is the time.

Protect your family and children.

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Government Controls over 75%

Did you know that local, state and federal government controls over 75% of Ravalli County through forest service, easements, floodplain, etc.?

The remainder of the property is controlled by the individuals. Are we going to have another LA? Portland? Seattle? Impossible. Because of the shape of our valley and the amount of property the government controls, there will always be variable landscapes unlike the sea of homes most of us have been told will happen.

The growth policy is only a wish list. Doesn't our county need guidance?

Ravalli County had its biggest growth spurt from 1990-2000. There was no growth policy in place at the time and we have continued to maintain our rural character.

The growth policy is not regulatory, why would we need to remove it?

The growth policy was not intended to be regulatory until the state legislature stated that all zoning and subdivision needed to comply with the growth policy. Which then it would require compliance by state law. That sounds regulatory to me. the years since its birth. Zoning will follow in

The Growth Policy is the first and much needed step for zoning.

If our county wants to zone they need a Growth Policy in place.

3 of our Current County Commissioners have shown that they cannot be trusted with our most vital resources.

They have shown blatant disregard with their decisions for what would be the most logical, safe, and cost effective decisions for our communities.

Our county is currently over budget but has spent $200,000 of the counties own funds to implement zoning.

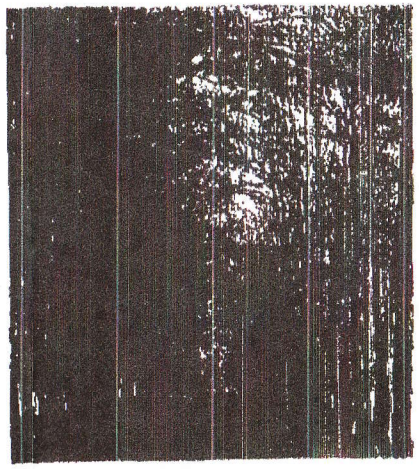
Take the platform out from under the county.

Vote Yes to Repeal the Growth Policy

Vote Nov. 6, 2018

Repeal the Growth Policy

Higher Ground Foundation



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