

FINAL REPORT
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IN MONTANA
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FORD FOUNDATION PROJECT

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FOREWORD

The original concept of this study was developed by the Principal Investigator with considerable help from Dr. Lauren McKinsey of MSU's Political Science Department. His interest and courtesy are hereby acknowledged.

The overall objective of this study was to define and evaluate available public participation program options in re the use of siting criteria in Montana. A sub-objective was to make recommendations toward a more effective public participation program in the state. As should have been expected at the outset, the investigative part of the study lead to changes in these objectives. The text of this report will identify such, as needed.

The entire investigative part of this study, following the design set up initially, was conducted by Mr. William Rule, the research assistant in the project. Mr. Rule also developed the first draft of this report. If anything constructive and positive in the way of changes in current practices and thinking regarding citizen participation does indeed occur, the vast bulk of the credit will have to go to Mr. Rule.

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