

## Board of Directors



### John Muhlfeld

John was elected Mayor of Whitefish in 2012 after serving as Deputy Mayor and since 2006 as City Councilor. John continues to serve as Mayor. John was appointed by the Whitefish City Council to serve as the liaison between the City of Whitefish and the Whitefish Lake Institute from 2010 to 2012. John is a professional Hydrologist and owner of River Design Group, Inc., a Whitefish-based consulting firm offering specialized river, wetland and fisheries restoration services throughout the Pacific Northwest. His current areas of focus include design and engineering of large dam removal and river and floodplain restoration projects in Montana, Idaho and Oregon. He earned his bachelor degrees in Geoscience and Watershed Hydrology in 1995 and prior to founding River Design Group, was employed by the USDA Forest Service Kootenai National Forest in Fortine, and the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Trust Land Management Division in Missoula and Kalispell.

John has served on numerous community boards and was the Vice Chairman of the Whitefish Lake and Lakeshore Protection Committee prior to his appointment to the Whitefish City Council in 2002. Through his private consulting firm and as a volunteer, Mr. Muhlfeld has assisted with development of water quality standards for local waterbodies including Haskill Creek as part of the State of Montana Department of Environmental Quality's Total Maximum Daily Load program. Mr. Muhlfeld served as a technical advisor on the Critical Areas Ordinance committee and helped develop scientific criteria forming the basis of the current stream, river and wetland setback ordinance adopted and implemented by the City of Whitefish.