

The Laramie County **Conservation District (LCCD)** proudly assists our community and local landowners with conserving and promoting healthy soils, water, forests, and wildlife.

We accomplish this by utilizing local funds from a voter-approved 1/2 Mill Levy, which equates to \$1.43 a month for a \$360,000 home in Laramie County. The Mill Levy also allows us to apply for conservation grant opportunities.

In fiscal year 2024-2025, LCCD's Tree, Water, Wildlife & Range, Public Outreach and Special Projects programs have received an additional \$1,021,000 in grant funding, all of which went directly toward projects to improve Laramie County.



The Mill Levy ensures our ability to continue helping our county's soils, water, forests, and wildlife. For more information on our programs and services, visit lccdnet.org







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FY 2024-2025 HIGHLIGHTS

YOUR **CONSERVATION TAX DOLLARS AT WORK**



SEEDLING TREE PROGRAM

This year, LCCD sold **41,025 seedling trees** for establishing conservation tree plantings (shelterbelts, field/livestock windbreaks, living snow fences, wildlife habitat areas); installed **16.5 miles (12,000 trees)** of tree rows to control blowing snow and buffer the Wyoming wind; and conducted on-site visits to address tree health concerns for hundreds of residents in Laramie County.



LIVING SNOW FENCE PROGRAM

This program is funded by WYDOT and Laramie County Public Works. In the **36 years** since this program began, completed living snow fence projects have protected over **35 miles** of high-priority public roads in Laramie County from blowing snow.

This year, LCCD continued the long-term maintenance of these projects, including the replacement of **6010 ft of fence** along the County's roadways.



COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

In the last year, \$4,000 went towards projects designed to improve our county's natural resources, environment, and natural beauty, including providing seedling Ponderosa Pines to every 2nd grader in Laramie County (1,104 trees); planting living windbreaks for community institutions; and providing landowners with native wildflower pollinator seed mix.



PUBLIC OUTREACH

Over the last year, LCCD has provided support for a variety of community-based and educational events. Examples include judging 2025's FFA ENR competition, delivering presentations on weed management and water-wise landscaping, judging Science Fair competitions, sponsoring a local student's attendance to the 2025 WyRED summer camp, participating in NRCS's Soil Health Workshop, and supporting partner organizations such as the High Plains Arboretum and Rooted in Chevenne.



WATER PROGRAM

This year, LCCD awarded 7 "small water" projects aimed at improving range conditions, enhancing recreational use, and expanding environmental stewardship. Projects included pipeline restoration, stream improvements, conversions, and riparian conservation. Notably, work began at Belvoir Ranch to restore functionality of an existing reservoir to establish a public fishery and generate additional water sources for livestock.



WILDLIFE & RANGE PROGRAM

In cooperation with Curt Gowdy State Park and Wyoming Game and Fish, LCCD completed the fifth year of cheatgrass control monitoring of Curt Gowdy State Park and Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest. LCCD provided dozens of Laramie County landowners with weed, seed, and grazing management recommendations.

LCCD continues to offer seed drill and manure spreader equipment rentals.