

The Laramie County Conservation District has requested the same ½ mill levy tax from Laramie County voters since 1988. Although under Wyoming’s State Statute, Conservation Districts can request up to 1 full mill levy, the District strives to continue to request only a ½ mill and supplement that base local tax funding with state and federal grant dollars to sustain critical conservation programs. The District’s mill levy is currently worth \$1,020,228.85 and the District’s annual budget is nearly \$3,328,641.49.

The following calculates the annual conservation tax on a home worth \$269,335.00 (Average cost of a Single Family home in 2019).

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| Fair value of house/property | \$269,335.00 |
| Level of assessment | <u>x .095</u> |
| Assessed valuation | \$25,586.83 |
| 1/2 mill | <u>x .0005</u> |
| Annual Conservation tax | \$ 12.79 |

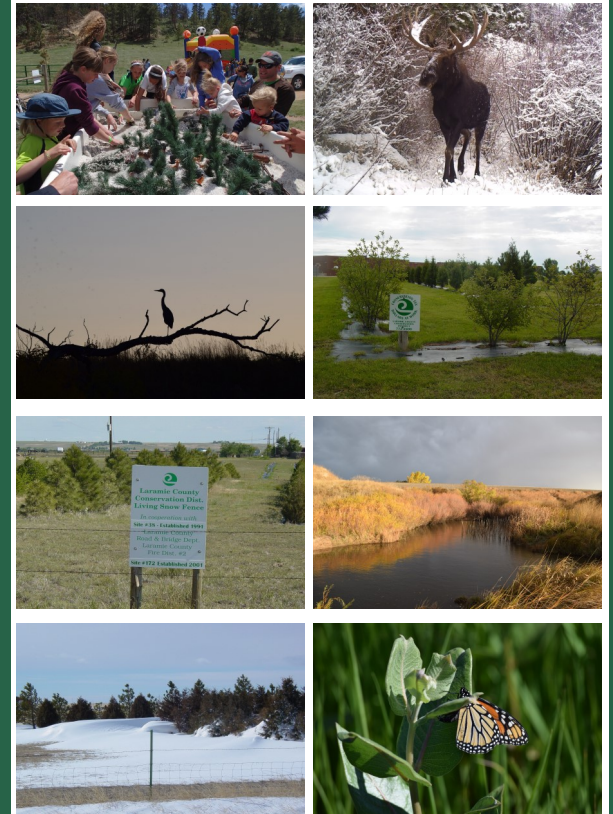
\$1.07 per month...

That’s all it takes to continue supporting the important efforts of YOUR Conservation District.



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2020 *REPORT TO*
VOTERS ON
CONSERVATION
IN LARAMIE COUNTY



LARAMIE COUNTY
CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

The Laramie County Conservation District's local mill levy funding question will be on the General Election ballot November 2020 for YOU to decide if natural resource conservation should continue in Laramie County.

The District's natural resource programs include:

LIVING SNOW FENCES-

Living snow fences cost 1/3 less than traditional wooden structures, helping to keep roads clear of snow and ice while also providing wildlife habitat and adding beauty to the landscape of Laramie County.

- **276 living snow fences have been installed along city, county and state highways.**

SEEDLING TREES-

Low cost seedling trees and shrubs enable landowners to establish larger conservation plantings. The District also provides a tree planting and fabric mulch installation service, as well as free technical assistance on tree planting designs. The District also assists homeowners with tree health concerns.

- **Currently over 1,435,881 trees have been sold and planted in Laramie County through this program.**

EDUCATION PROGRAM-

The Laramie County Conservation District utilizes a variety of methods to inform the public on conservation issues and provide natural resource educational opportunities to Laramie County residents of all ages.

- **Provided natural resource education programs to nearly 55,800 people.**

SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Community Enhancement Program annually funds projects proposed by County residents seeking to improve the environment and natural beauty of Laramie County.

- **127 Community Enhancement Projects have been funded and installed.**
- **LCCD has also begun managing the Cheyenne Business Parkway Natural Area with the goal of providing unique natural resource educational opportunities to residents of all ages while also preserving and enhancing the areas wildlife habitat value and water quality benefits.**

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WATER QUALITY-

The water program helps to maintain the quality and quantity of groundwater and surface water resources across Laramie County.

- **Addressed water quality impairments on Crow Creek both through town and within the headwaters.**
- **Worked with stakeholders and landowners to find ways to sustainably manage Laramie County's groundwater aquifers.**

RANGE-

The District assists both small and large acreage landowners in developing grazing systems that address overgrazing issues, weed infestation, manure management, erosion control, and animal health.

- **Provided technical assistance to 1,870 landowners to develop improved management practices.**
- **Provided 623 grass seeding recommendations.**

WILDLIFE-

The wildlife program provides opportunities to increase wildlife habitat in both rural and urban areas of Laramie County.

- **45 guzzlers have been installed to store and trap precipitation that provides drinking water for wildlife.**
- **Implemented 80 wildlife enhancement projects.**