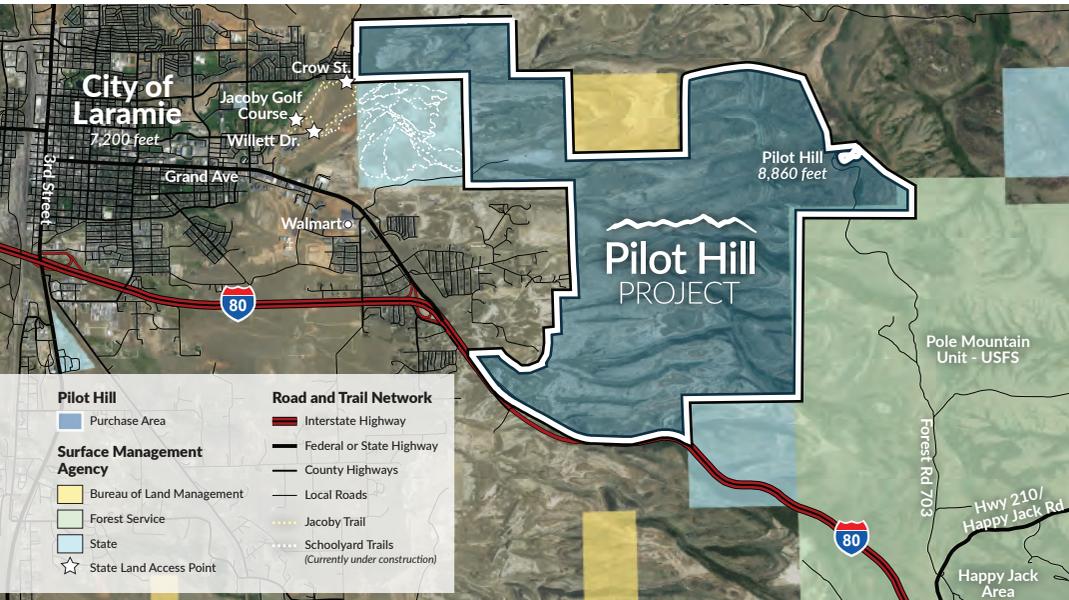


Where is the land?



Pilot Hill PROJECT

Support open space,
clean water, & public access
in the Laramie foothills

~5,500 ACRES EAST OF LARAMIE

Questions & how to help

Can I go visit the parcel?

Not yet. Until the purchase is complete, the land remains private property and access is not permitted, except during the Pilot Hill 25k Classic foot race in early June.

Where will the funds come from, and can I make a donation?

The county will not be using any general funds for this project. You can donate to the Pilot Hill Fund at the Wyoming Community Foundation with 100% of your gift going toward purchasing the land. In the event that the purchase does not go through, donations will be used for a fund to support recreation and conservation projects in Albany County. Many volunteers and groups are working together to help complete the transaction or raise funds for this purchase, including Albany County, The Nature Conservancy, The Conservation Fund, the Laramie Rivers Conservation District, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and the Trust for Public Land. For additional details, see the FAQs at PilotHill.org or visit us at [@PilotHillLandPurchase](https://www.facebook.com/PilotHillLandPurchase) on Facebook.

How can I help?

Learn about the project, sign up for our email list at PilotHill.org, follow [@PilotHillLandPurchase](https://www.facebook.com/PilotHillLandPurchase) on Facebook, spread the word, participate in public forums, and make a gift to the Pilot Hill Fund (accessible from PilotHill.org/go/donate).

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An opportunity to ACCESS, PRESERVE, AND PROTECT

Just beyond Laramie's city limits, foothills of shortgrass prairie rise to the summit of Pilot Hill at 8,860 feet in elevation.

This sloping land provides sweeping scenic vistas and important wildlife habitat, a place to experience the inspiring spaces of the Laramie Basin. The foothills are full of interesting natural features, from deep ravines to limestone cliffs and conifer forests. Crucially, this entire area overlies the Casper Aquifer, a unique geologic feature that naturally filters rain and snow to provide a primary drinking water source for the majority of Albany County residents.

For more than a century, about 5,500 acres of this area has served as a working landscape for the Warren Livestock Company. The Samuelson family, owners of Warren Livestock LLC, has offered to sell this property to the people of Albany County. In October 2017, Albany County Commissioners responded to overwhelming public support for the idea by signing an agreement to purchase this property, contingent upon raising \$10.5M for its purchase, plus additional funds for future management.

The purchase of this land would directly connect Laramie neighborhoods to almost nine square miles of open space in the foothills. This kind of out-the-door public access to wild land improves quality of life and bolsters economic growth. We have a truly unique opportunity to secure this landscape as open space for recreation, and permanently protect a portion of our aquifer. To secure this land, our community needs to rally support while the Pilot Hill Project Committee continues to move the project forward.

Join us in supporting the Pilot Hill Project by connecting with us, spreading the word, participating in public forums, or making a gift. Thank you for your interest in creating a better Albany County.

—Pilot Hill Project Committee

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Why support the project?

- 1 **Protection of a portion of the recharge zone to the Casper Aquifer**, a primary drinking water source for a majority of Albany County residents
- 2 **Protection of the incredible views from Laramie** east toward the Laramie Range
- 3 **Creation of new public access directly from Laramie** to ~5,500 acres of foothills and the Medicine Bow National Forest
- 4 **Expansion of public recreation opportunities**, which will enhance quality of life for Albany County residents
- 5 **Increase in tourism and economic development** associated with improved access to open space and recreation
- 6 **Preservation of an area** that offers crucial winter wildlife habitat

Did you know?

92% of survey respondents approve of the Pilot Hill land purchase* **~5,500** acres would be preserved for aquifer protection and public use

*<http://www.co.albany.wy.us/proposed-land-purchase-1.aspx>