

Pilot Hill - Partnering for Open Space

A Funding Request to the City of Laramie & Albany County

The Request

- **\$25,000** from the City of Laramie
 - **\$25,000** from Albany County
 - **Investing in** required State land lease, insurance, & operating expenses
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- ▶ Nonprofit managed 11 sq. mi. open space park connecting Laramie to the Med Bow Natl. Forest
 - ▶ Free & accessible to all - trails, wildlife habitat, scenic landscapes, outdoor learning environment
 - ▶ Conserves critical resources, Supports well-being of our citizens, Grows the regional economy



Guided Senior's on the Go hike at Pilot Hill

Rooted in Community Partnerships



Who We Work With

- ▶ City, County, University, ACSD#1
- ▶ WGFD, USFS, LRCD, NRCS, WSPCR
- ▶ Sports related clubs & teams
- ▶ ACTB, WY Office of Outdoor Rec
- ▶ Local schools & civic organizations
- ▶ Hiking, birding & naturalist groups

Partnership in Action

■ Spring 2026 Events:

- High Plains Harriers - Laramie Backyard Ultra
- High Plains Harriers - PH Classic 25K + 5K
- City of Laramie WAM Conference – 5 K Fun run hosted at Pilot Hill
- Laramie Racing – Mountain Bike Series; 2 races

■ New Research & Site Based Learning

- Montesori School Casper aquifer unit
- UW Zoology Study – Jackrabbit & small mammal coloration adaptations
- UW Botany & NSFS – Climate change impact on plant communities at varied elevations

■ Board Governance:

Members appointed by UW and County, and drawn from partner organizations across the community

Community Impact & Unique Need

Pilot Hill is where Laramie comes together — and your support makes that possible.

Free & Open

- ▶ Accessible regardless of means and ability
- ▶ Open 365 days a year
- ▶ 150,000 visits annually

Quality of Life

- ▶ Complements city amenities
- ▶ Unique natural open space
- ▶ Land preserved for public use
- ▶ Protects aquifer recharge area

Local Investment

- ▶ Attracts tourism dollars
- ▶ Mental & Physical wellbeing
- ▶ Recruiting tool for businesses
- ▶ Collaborative Governance



School Group studying aquifer on Pilot Hill



Community members enjoying Pilot Hill

