

**BeLocal Write-up: July, 2008**

Your *Help Preserve Open Spaces* sales tax dollars protect important ecological lands, provide new recreation opportunities and preserve our agricultural heritage. The Larimer County Open Lands Program began in 1996, and now boasts an extensive portfolio with partnerships that have protected over 40,000 acres and built over 60 miles of trails.

Preserving land for the future is important to Larimer County families who willingly work with the Open Lands Program to protect their ranches, farms and open lands for future generations. We can all appreciate and enjoy the protected open spaces and natural heritage of Larimer County because you are willing to dig into your pocket to compensate these families who have been the stewards of these open spaces over the years. With your support, we will continue to conserve the special places of our County and provide a fulfilling and enjoyable place for us all to live and recreate. This is truly a grassroots effort. Thanks, Larimer County citizens – you are making a difference!