



1995

The citizen-initiated Help Preserve Open Spaces sales tax passes creating a 1/4-cent tax for conservation and recreation.

1999

Voters extend the citizen-initiated Help Preserve Open Spaces sales tax.

2018

1/4-cent sales tax

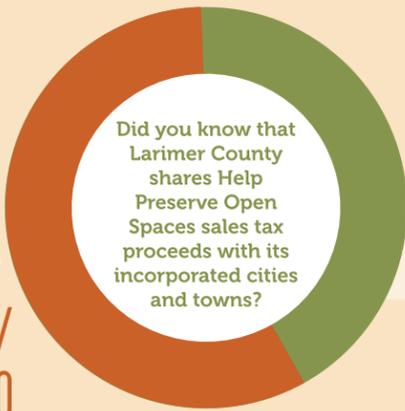


70% revenue may be spent on land & recreation facilities, 15% on management, 15% discretionary.

1/4¢ sales tax is one penny in Help Preserve Open Spaces revenue for every \$4 spent.

That's a  per month per Larimer County household.

And <50% of the revenue generated comes from Larimer County residents



42% Open Lands Program funding for conservation & recreation

58%

Natural areas & recreation programs for cities & towns

80 miles of multi-use trails for hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking on 10 public open space areas are managed by the Open Lands Program

### The Values of Open Space



Scenic



Wildlife Habitat



Community Separator



Wetland



Agriculture



Historic - Cultural



Outdoor Recreation

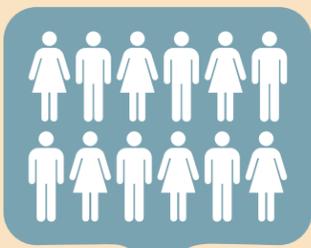
The Help Preserve Open Spaces sales tax has generated \$142 million in revenue, or about \$8.4 million annually, since 1996.

Landowners show support for the Open Lands Program. Land donations since 1996 = **\$10.5 MILLION**

The Open Lands Program leverages tax dollars through grants and donations. To date, 47¢ has been leveraged on every Help Preserve Open Spaces sales tax dollar.

The Open Lands Program and willing landowners have conserved 25,000 acres of publicly accessible open spaces, 8,000 acres of conservation easements, and an additional 11,000 acres with local partners, for a total cost of \$33 million.

Proximity to open spaces increases property values in Larimer County by **OVER \$100 MILLION**



A 12-member Open Lands Advisory Board provides citizen oversight of the Open Lands Program and administration of Help Preserve Open Spaces sales tax funds.

## HELP PRESERVE OPEN SPACES SALES TAX FACTS

