



Department of Natural Resources

2025 Annual Report



MISSION

We connect people, nature, and place.



VISION

Healthy Landscapes, Healthy People



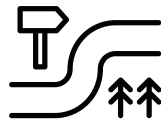
VALUES

Excellence, Integrity & Trust, Collective Good,
Staff Well-being, Courageous Leadership



6,569

Acres of land conserved



88%

Larimer County-managed trails maintained at 'B' level or higher



\$1.5 million

Invested in capital maintenance and construction



\$1,892,377

Grant and partnership dollars secured



14,984

Volunteer hours donated



783

Discover Pack check-outs



90%

Visitors reported feeling safe and welcome in our parks*



4.3 / 5.0

Average visitor satisfaction rating*

**Rate Your Day visitor feedback survey results*

Highlights

Thirty Years In, Forever to Go

- Launched the **30 and Thriving** campaign to celebrate 30 years of conservation through storytelling and community engagement.

Land Conservation and Stewardship That Endures

- Conserved **4,856 acres in Livermore Valley** and expanded protection in the Laramie Foothills.
- Advanced **restoration at Canyon Edge Open Space** through structure removal and habitat recovery.
- Continued **invasive species management** through system-wide stewardship and **Early Detection Rapid Response** efforts.
- Invested in sustainability with **solar, EV charging, and LED upgrades**.

Connections That Hold

- Opened the **Bay to Bay Trail** and advanced the final segment of the **Poudre River Trail**.
- Expanded access through **783 Discover Pack checkouts, 22 donated permits, and \$30,863 in community grants**.
- Maintained **strong visitor satisfaction**, with high ratings for safety and overall experience.

Systems That Support the Work

- Advanced **FLAP-funded paving improvements** at Carter Lake and Horsetooth Reservoir.
- Enhanced operations through **T2 platform upgrades** and **expanded Starlink connectivity**.
- Strengthened ANS operations with **improved inspection facilities, decontamination systems, and public education tools**.

Financial Summary

2025 Revenue & Expenses

In 2025, Larimer County Natural Resources generated \$32,416,983 in revenue and incurred \$35,052,037 in expenses.

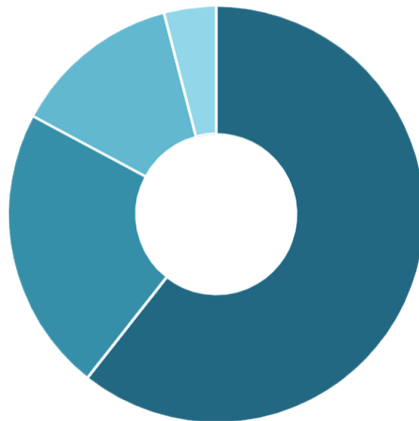
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2025 Revenue
\$32,416,983



- 41%** Help Preserve Open Spaces Sales Tax
\$13,424,407
- 28%** Intergovernmental
\$9,100,831
- 20%** User Fees & Service Charges
\$6,435,453
- 7%** Donations/Other Revenue
\$2,222,508
- 3%** Colorado Trust/Lottery
\$1,058,782
- 1%** General Fund
\$175,000

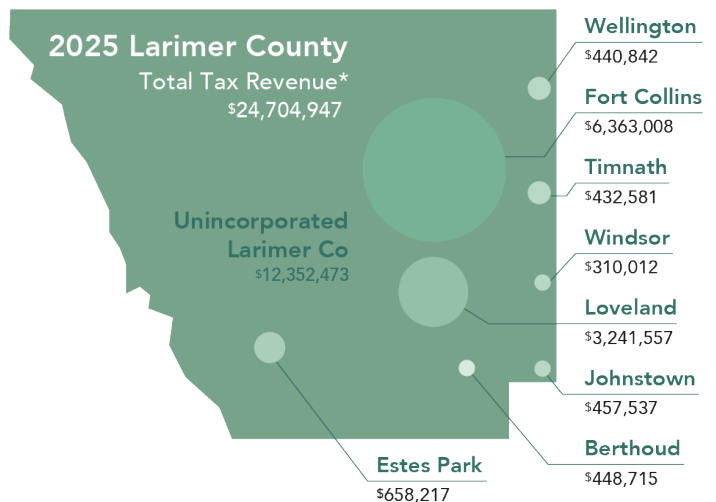
2025 Expenses
\$35,052,037



- 60%** Open Space Acquisition/Development
\$21,085,451
- 22%** Reservoir Parks Operations/Personnel
\$7,769,949
- 13%** Open Space Operations/Personnel
\$4,663,603
- 4%** Weed District/Enterprise
\$1,533,033

Help Preserve Open Spaces Tax Revenues*

Revenue from the ¼ - cent Help Preserve Open Spaces sales and use tax is shared among Larimer County and eight municipalities. The tax renewed in 2014, took effect in 2019, and sunsets in 2043. It is not imposed on food or prescription drugs. The total revenue collected to date is more than \$380 million. Distributions to municipalities are based upon the highest yield of either population or sales tax generation. This revenue sharing agreement ensures that residents throughout Larimer County receive benefits from the Help Preserve Open Spaces sales and use tax.



*Total tax revenue collected in 2025 was \$24,704,947.

This graphic illustrates how the tax was distributed per entity in 2025.