

# Laramie Joint Climate Action Planning TaskForce

## Summary

The Laramie Joint Climate Action Planning Taskforce will be a collaboration of stakeholders from the City of Laramie officials and staff, Albany County Board of Commissioners, residents of Laramie, and members of the University of Wyoming, including students, faculty, and staff. This taskforce aims to foster discussion and cooperation on a joint campus-city-county emissions reduction and climate action planning process. These collaborative actions will draw on peer institution research, stakeholder engagement, and sound decision-making strategies to form a mutual, amenable, and equitable partnership. The taskforce will meet monthly in fall 2021 through at least spring 2022 to identify key goals/strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The local non-profit organization, Alliance for Renewable Energy of Laramie, will convene the taskforce. As active participants in our local community and at large, we desire to work together to promote a resilient and sustainable future for all in Laramie.

## Goals

- Identify key joint projects and strategies for emissions reduction for the University of Wyoming, City of Laramie, and Albany County;
- Explore opportunities to reinvigorate the University of Wyoming's Climate Action Plan and commitment in ways that align with a City of Laramie and/or Albany County plan;
- Create a lasting coalition structure to organize and delegate tasks, including through specific working groups determined by the taskforce;
- Make recommendations to decision-makers and leadership in all stakeholders groups for pursuing a joint climate action plan and emissions reduction process.

## Timeline

- **September 2021** - First meeting via Zoom (introductions, agenda, etc.);
- October thru March 2021 - Continue meeting and identifying key strategies and priorities across City, County, community, and University partners;
- **April 2022** - Culminate findings in a Sustainability Summit Event (hosted by the Taskforce and UW student Sustainability Coalition at the Shepard Symposium on Social Justice) to share strategies and gather data on broader community priorities;
- **April/May 2022 (TBD)** - Present findings and recommendations to the City of Laramie Council, Environmental Advisory Committee, and the University of Wyoming administration.