

LETTER OF SUPPORT: CHEYENNE REGIONAL AIRPORT BOARD

TO: Cheyenne City Council & Cheyenne Board of Public Utilities (BOPU)

FROM: Cheyenne Regional Airport Board of Trustees

DATE: March 19, 2026

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the Laramie County Master Gardeners (LCMG) Demonstration Garden

To the Honorable Mayor, Members of the City Council, and the BOPU Commissioners:

Cheyenne Regional Airport Staff are pleased to submit this formal letter of support for the **Laramie County Master Gardeners (LCMG) Demonstration Garden**. As the owners of the land upon which this project is situated, we view this initiative as an exemplary use of airport property that serves the public and residents of Cheyenne.

The Airport Board has authorized the use of this site because the Demonstration Garden aligns with our commitment to community partnership and sustainable land management. This project transforms underutilized land into a "Living Laboratory" that provides science-based education, civic beautification, and food security for Laramie County.

The Airport Board has reviewed the Site Plan submission for the LCMG Demonstration Garden and confirmed that it aligns with the written lease agreement for this property. We are satisfied that the proposed improvements and intended use are consistent with the terms and conditions set forth in the lease.

We specifically wish to highlight the following points in support of LCMG's request for building and water fee waivers:

- **Governmental Purpose:** The Demonstration Garden is a collaborative project between a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and the University of Wyoming Extension. Its mission—to educate the public and provide fresh produce for local youth, including the **Cheyenne Boys & Girls Club**—is a clear extension of public service.
- **Safety and Suitability:** We are confident in the structural integrity of the geodesic domes, which are engineered for Wyoming's extreme winds and snow loads. Construction is set to begin in the **Spring of 2026**, adding a high-quality educational asset to the airport perimeter.
- **Water Stewardship:** The Airport Board supports LCMG's partnership with the **BOPU Landscape Conversion Pilot Program**. By modeling native, low-water landscaping on our grounds, LCMG is helping to set a standard for water-wise development that benefits the entire municipality.

The Laramie County Master Gardeners provide the expertise, volunteer labor, and grant funding necessary to maintain this site. However, the burden of municipal building and water fees represents a significant hurdle for this volunteer-driven project.

Cheyenne Regional Airport Staff respectfully urge the City Council and the Board of Public Utilities to waive the associated fees for the LCMG Demonstration Garden. Such action recognizes this project as a premiere public asset and ensures that community resources are directed toward the education and well-being of our citizens.

Sincerely,



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