

# **Integrated Solid Waste Management Planning Project**

## **Southeast Wyoming Regional Landfill Planning Group**

### **Local Public Meeting City of Laramie**

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# Introductions

- **Local Core Working Group**
  - **City of Laramie**
- **Local Stakeholders**
  - **Recycling Organizations – UW, ARK**
  - **Cities/Towns**
  - **Local Media**
  - **Private Waste Haulers**
  - **Environmental Organizations**
  - **Local Citizens**
  - **Others?**
- **Trihydro Team**



# Why Are We Here?

- **Senate File 38 (Enrolled Act No. 43) passed in 2006 Legislature, focused on two issues:**
  - *Landfill Monitoring*
  - *Integrated Solid Waste Management Planning*
- **Legislation provides grant money (\$1.3M) to help operators prepare ISWM plans**
- **Everybody that holds an operating permit must prepare a 20-year ISWM plan by *July 1, 2009***
- ***This is a FUNDED mandate***

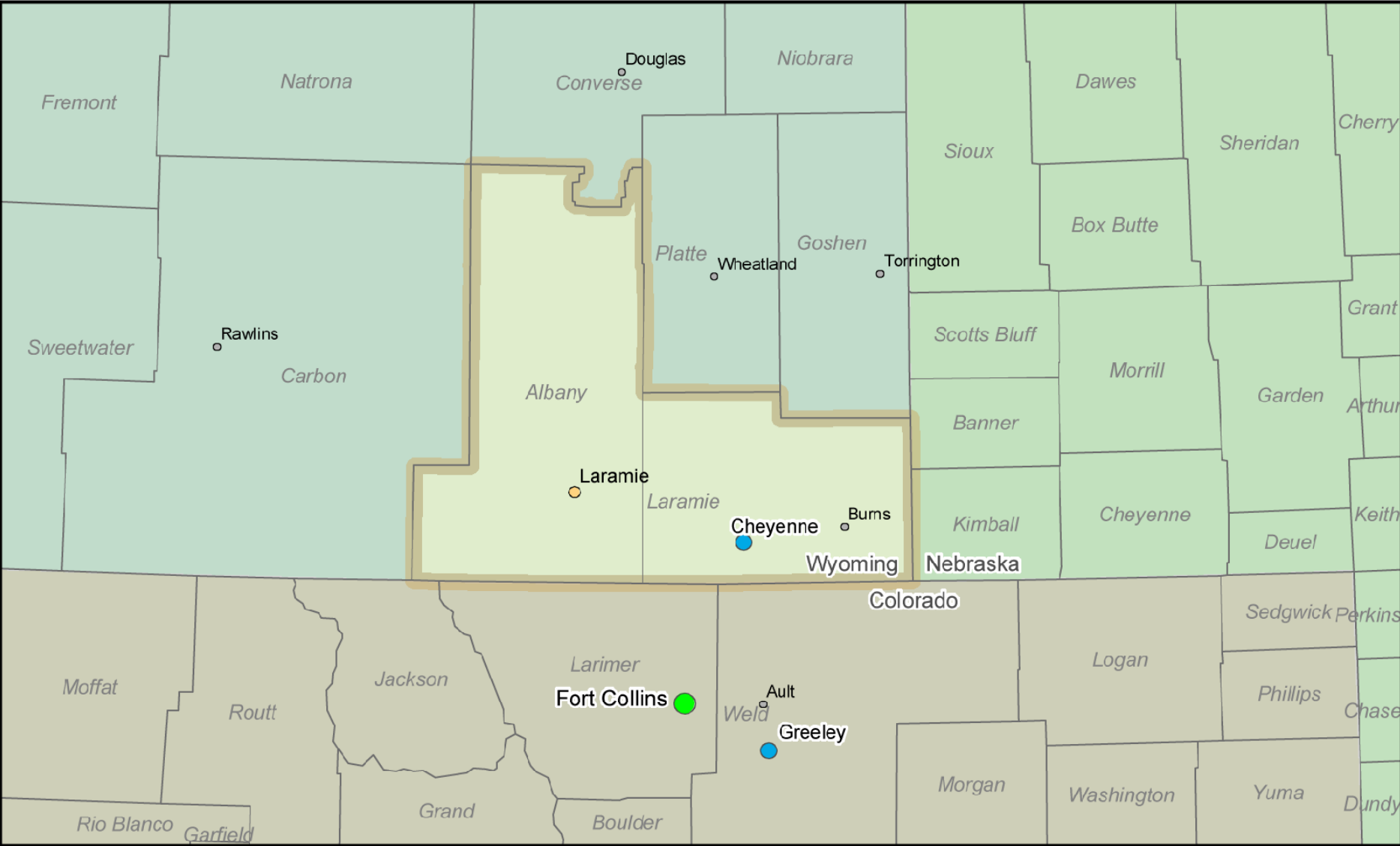
# Why Are We *REALLY* Here?

- **51** operating landfills – all but 3 are unlined
- **78+** “closed” landfills are unlined
- Most unlined operating landfills appear to be leaking
- **2,600** water supply sources within 1 mile of landfill
- **\$\$\$** cost to clean up groundwater pollution
- Lining landfills is expensive
- Seriously consider regionalization of services
- ***OPPORTUNITY***—*is there is a better way to do it ?*
- ***NOT A COMMITMENT!***

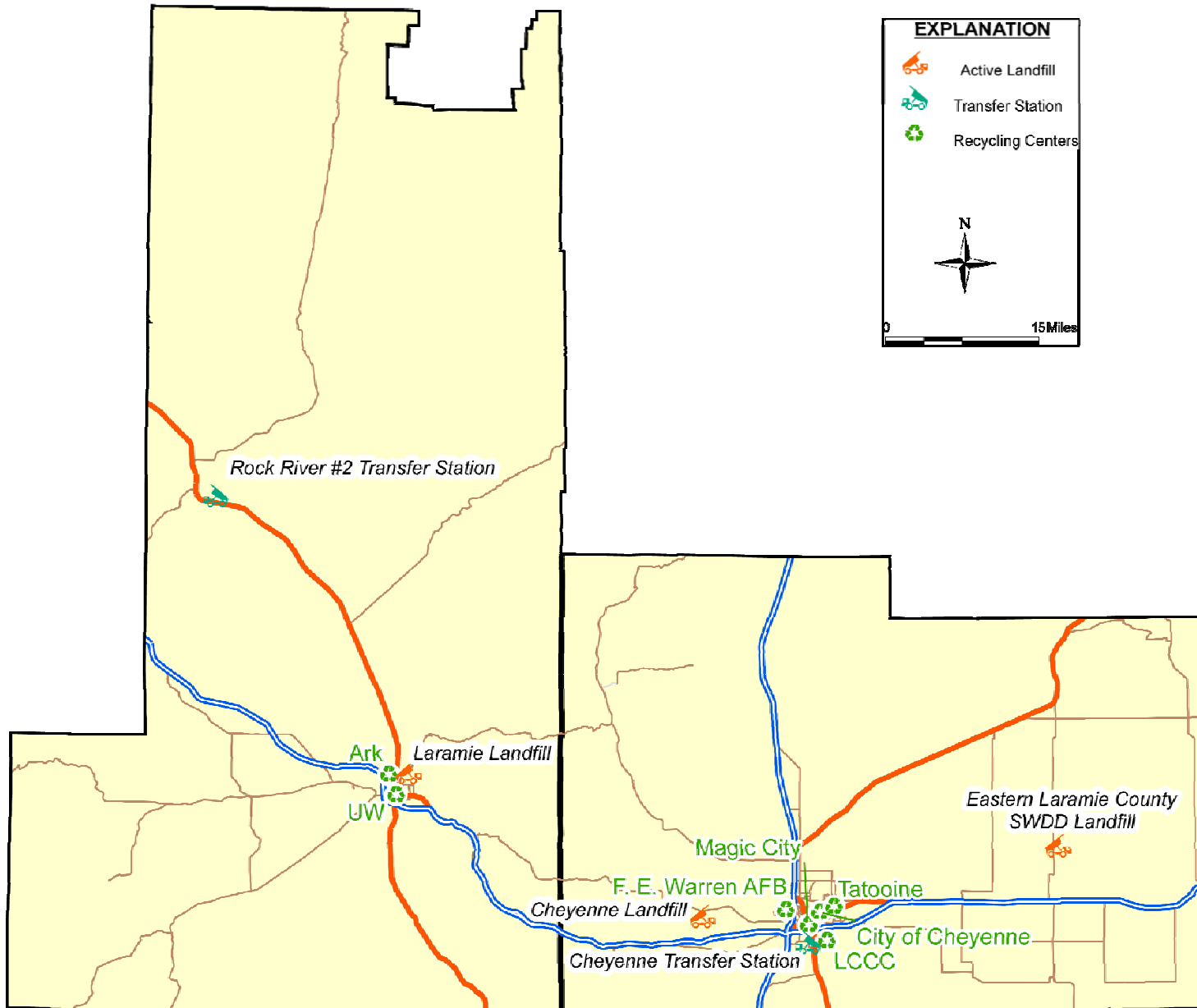
# ISWM Planning ... Facts and Fiction

- **What does an ISWM plan do? (Facts)**
  - Evaluates the cost of your current system
  - Identifies “reasonable” alternatives and associated costs
  - Provides the information that is needed to make informed, responsible decisions
- **What does a ISWM plan NOT do? (Fiction)**
  - Commit you to closing all your landfills
  - Commit you to implementing an option with a planning partner
  - Commit you to taking your garbage to an out-of-county landfill
  - Commit you to accepting garbage from another community

REGIONAL LOCATION MAP SHOWING PLANNING AREA



# ACTIVE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES



# ISWM Planning Process

Involves the public ... from start to finish!

Today, we would like to hear your thoughts on:

- What do you think the solid waste management goals should be? (planning objectives )
- What do you think are “*reasonable*” alternatives that should be considered?

# Planning Objectives

- **What solid waste management system characteristics are important to you?**
  - Cost?
  - Other Partners?
  - Environmental protection (status quo or more)?
  - Recycling/Composting?
  - Ease of Use/Level of Service?
  - Transportation/Location?
  - Waste Segregation/Diversion?

# Sampling of Disposal Alternatives...

- **Keep and upgrade the Laramie Landfill for local use**
- **Convert the Laramie Landfill to a construction /demolition landfill, haul other solid waste to a Regional Facility, provide a transfer station**
- **Convert the Laramie Landfill to a Regional Landfill Facility, accepting waste from Albany and Laramie Counties**
- **Close the Laramie Landfill, haul all solid waste to a Regional Facility, and provide a transfer station**
- **Other alternatives?**

# Sampling of Diversion Alternatives...

- **Develop a composting facility**
- **Develop a regional recycling facility in Laramie**
- **Begin curbside single-stream recycling in Laramie**
- **Other options?**

# How to Provide Input

- Today
  - Public Testimony by sign-in
  - Comments provided to Working Group
- Other Public Meetings
- Website –  
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