



Sheridan
Community
LAND TRUST



**ANNUAL REPORT AND HIGHLIGHTS
JULY 1, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018**



PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE OF OPEN SPACES, HEALTHY RIVERS AND CREEKS, WORKING RANCHES, WILDLIFE HABITAT, AND VIBRANT HISTORY, WHILE EXPANDING RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT PEOPLE WITH THE PLACES THEY LOVE.

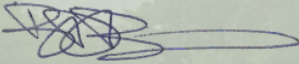
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The Sheridan Community Land Trust succeeds because of volunteers, supporters, and a great community. Volunteers have built miles of trails, lead to conservation successes, and have found ways to explore our region's rich history. Supporters have given us the tools to conserve open spaces, dream of recreation opportunities, and tell the stories of historical places. Our community has been excited to partner and help ensure Sheridan County is a great place to live now and for future generations.

With your support we have made great progress over the years. You are part of our amazing group of friends that we continue to rely on. Please continue to make a positive impact: greet your neighbor on the trails, thank our supporters, and give us feedback so we can continue to serve the Sheridan Community.

Best regards.



Brad Bauer

Executive Director



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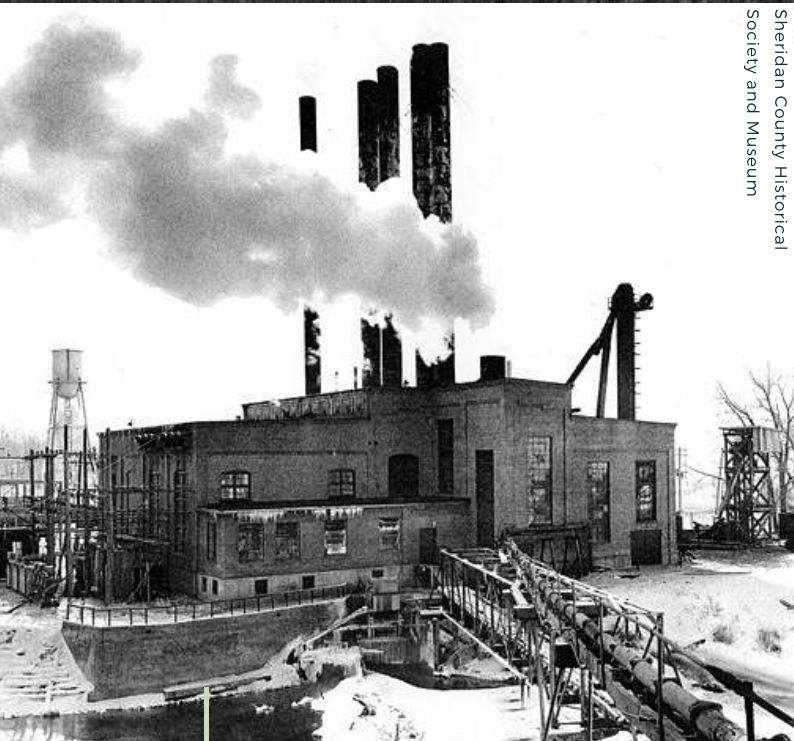
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TRAVEL OUR HISTORY

The tour features narration by Senator Dave Kinsky and guides travelers with directional cues, making it easier to locate historic sites and focus on the voices of the past while you drive

- 1) Go to the AppStore (iPhone) or GooglePlay (Android) and search for the "TravelStorysGPS" app.
- 2) Download and open the "TravelStorysGPS" app with your phone.
- 3) Search for the Black Dimond Byway tour by either location or name.
- 4) Open the Black Diamond Byway tour.
- 5) You can start the tour from the Sheridan Travel and Tourism Office in Sheridan or from anywhere in Ranchester.



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CONSERVATION ON THE TONGUE RIVER

THE TONGUE RIVER INITIATIVE

Started in 2015, the Tongue River Initiative joined The Sheridan County Conservation District, The Nature Conservancy, and Sheridan Community Land Trust. The Initiative created an opportunity for federal funding and brought to the table additional partners to complete watershed projects in the Upper Tongue River Watershed.

Thirty one projects have been completed through the partnership covering over 9500 acres. Projects have included moving grazing management, range improvement, irrigation updates, septic replacements, stream bank restoration, removal of Russian Olive, conservation easements, and water quality monitoring.

**31 PROJECTS
IMPROVING WATER
QUALITY!**

Through these projects federal funding has provided over \$700,000 in support while the local partners have contributed nearly \$500,000.





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A PLACE TO PICNIC

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Have you walked by the picnic tables on Red Grade Trails? Maybe you have enjoyed them while sitting in the shade with a picnic.

The tables were built late last fall by Carter Wells! Carter is an Eagle Scout who spent his final project building tables for the picnic areas at Red Grade Trails. They look AMAZING and were in full use about 5 minutes after they went up. Thank you Carter!

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