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# Livingston bucks trend as grain elevators come down

Liability concerns leave aging structures facing demolition in Montana

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Across Montana, small-town skylines are dominated by, or in many cases solely consist of, old grain elevators in various states of disrepair.

Some elevators still operate as farmers send crops to be held their last

grain decades ago, and as they deteriorate they become financial and legal burdens. Elevators in Laurel, Columbus and Wilsall recently were toppled.

Preparation began this week for the demolition of the iconic Teslow Inc. grain elevator in Livingston, but the building has new hope after a grassroots preservation group called a last-minute meeting Monday night.

The group, Save the Teslow, reached a tentative agreement with current owner and local real estate developer Chris Salacinski, who took possession of the build-

ing in January. Barclay Rogers, a local lawyer and member of the community-based effort, said the short-notice meeting was well attended and a success by any measure.

"There was a strong show of public support," Rogers said. "The grain elevator's owner has agreed to sell, the funding is in place to acquire the building, and demolition is halted. There are logistical issues that need to be solved, but the grain elevator is going to be saved."



Livingston's Teslow grain elevator, which had been slated for demolition, will continue to stand after a group presented a plan to buy the building at a last-minute meeting Monday night.

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