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# Laredo Petroleum: Executing Strategy to Increase Stakeholder Value

## Principles

### Manage Risk

- No term-debt maturities until 2025
- Active hedging strategy supports cash flows
- Focus on ESG best practices



### Optimize Assets

- Peer-leading cash cost metrics
- Well cost among lowest in Midland Basin
- Conservative development spacing



### Expand High-Margin Inventory

- Added 16,000 net acres in Howard / W. Glasscock counties in last 12 months
- Development transitioned to recent acquisitions
- New acreage driving a capital efficiency inflection point



## Objectives



Improve Oil Cut



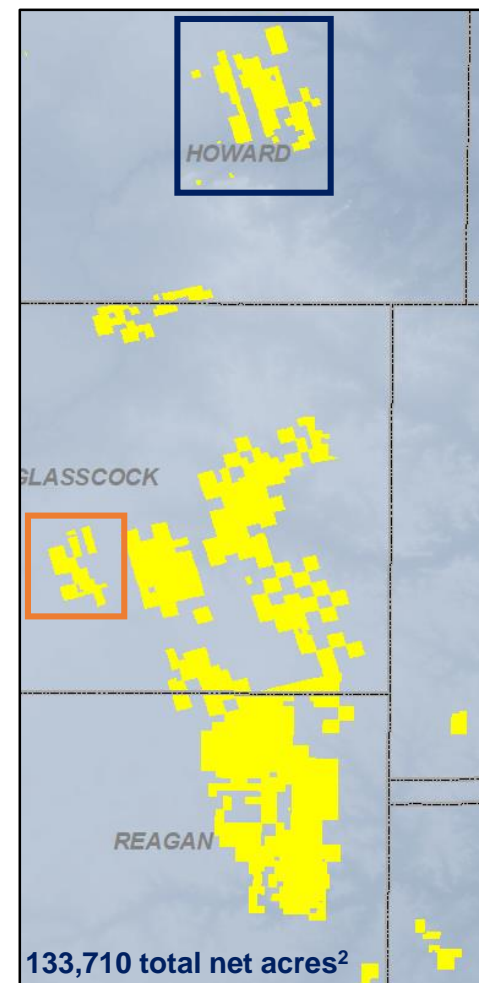
Expand Margins



Reduce leverage



Target Free Cash Flow<sup>1</sup>



Acquired beginning Dec-19

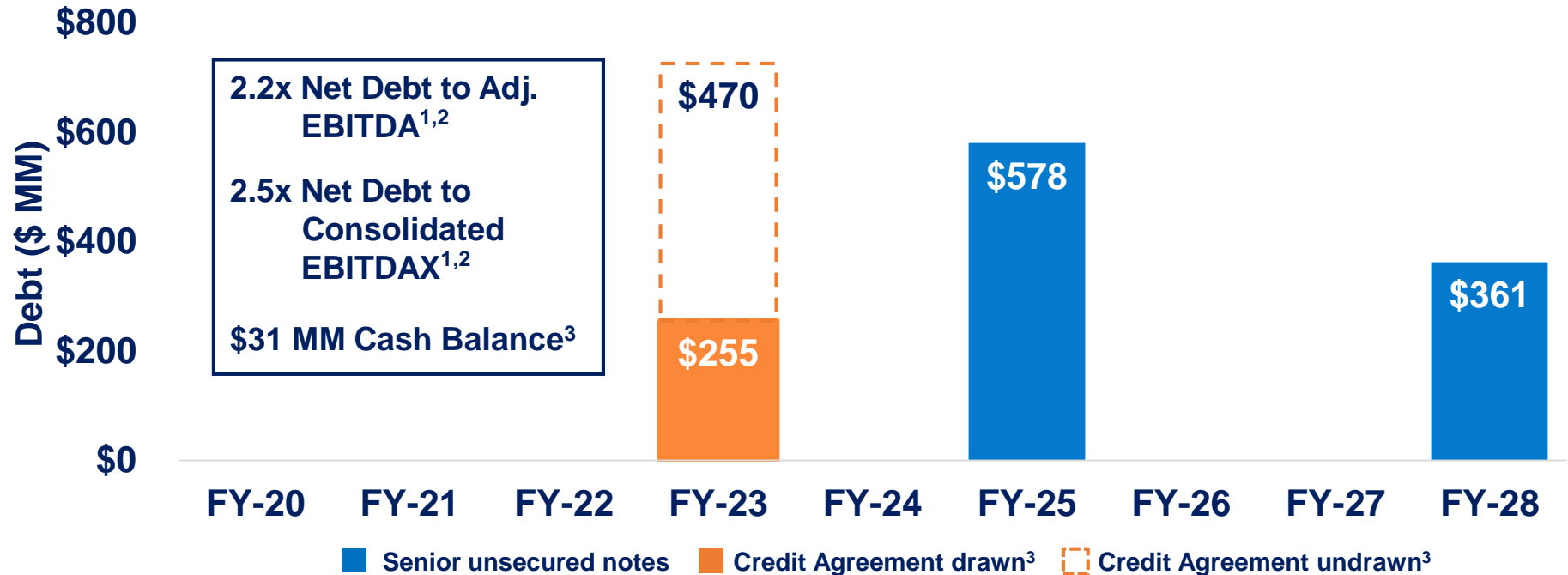
□ Howard County - 11,299 net acres<sup>2</sup>

□ W. Glasscock County - 4,352 net acres<sup>2</sup>

# Actively Managing our Balance Sheet and Debt Ratios

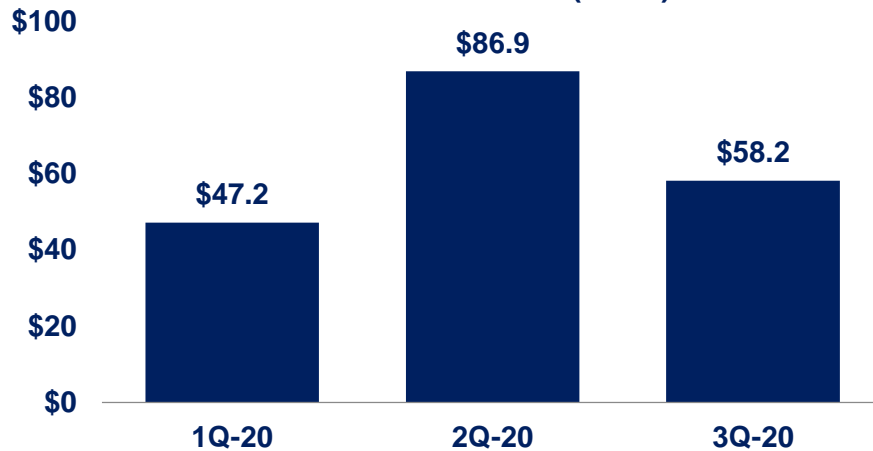
## Repurchased \$61.0 MM face value of unsecured notes for \$38.1 MM

- 62.5% of par, average purchase price
- \$22.9 MM net debt reduction related to repurchase of notes
- \$4.5 MM annualized interest savings

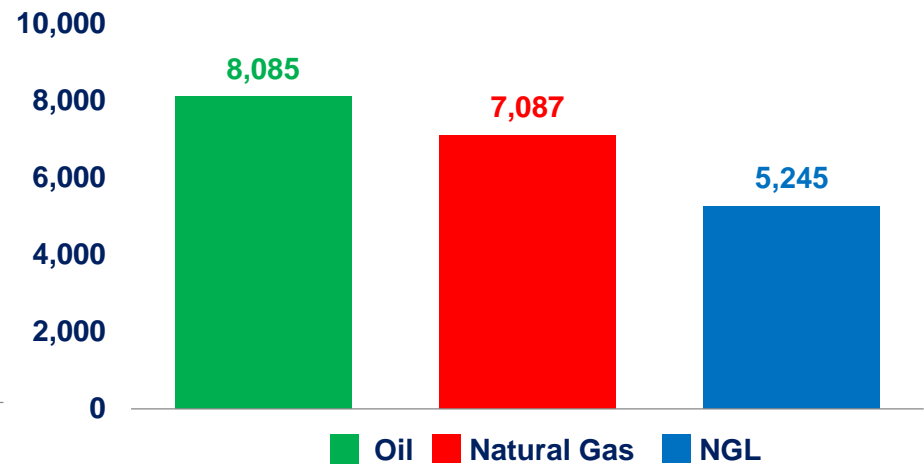


# Active Derivatives Strategy Manages Price Risk and Supports Cash Flow

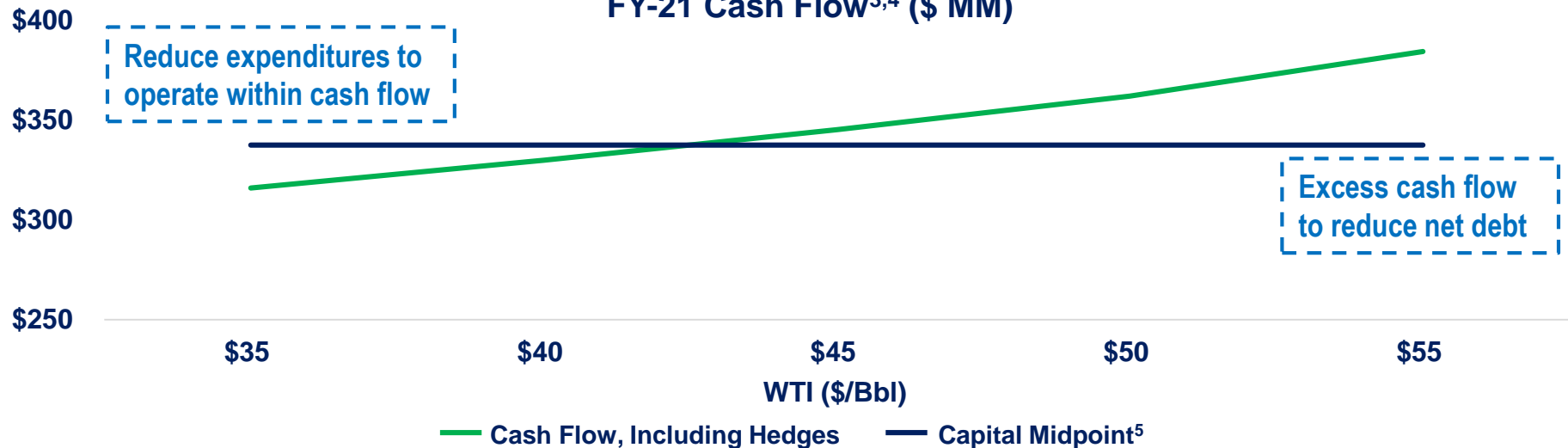
Net Cash Received from Derivatives Settlements<sup>1</sup> in 2020 (\$ MM)



FY-21 Hedged Product Volumes<sup>2</sup> (MBOE)

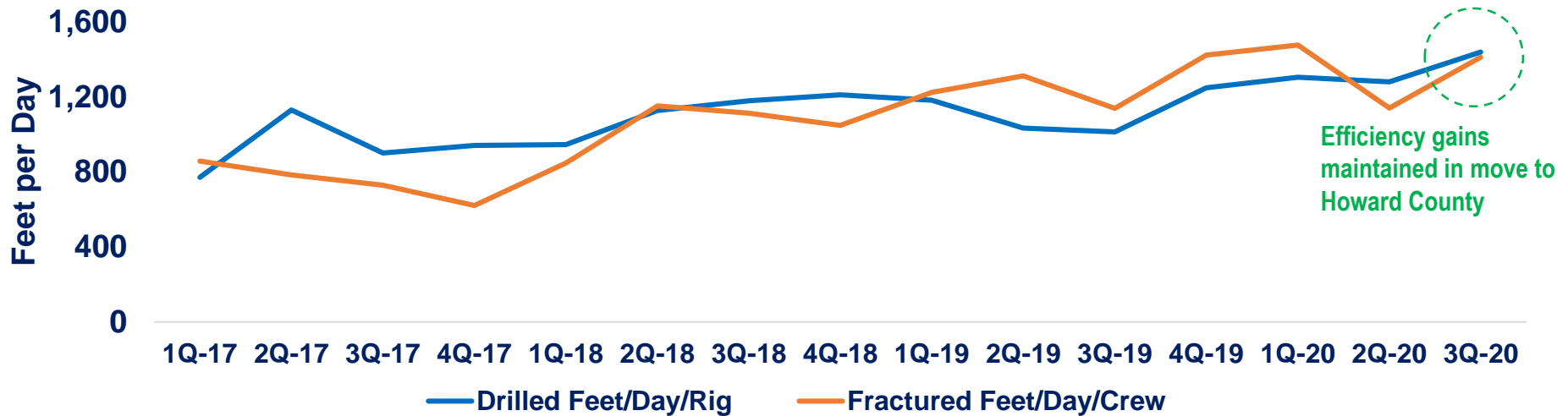


FY-21 Cash Flow<sup>3,4</sup> (\$ MM)

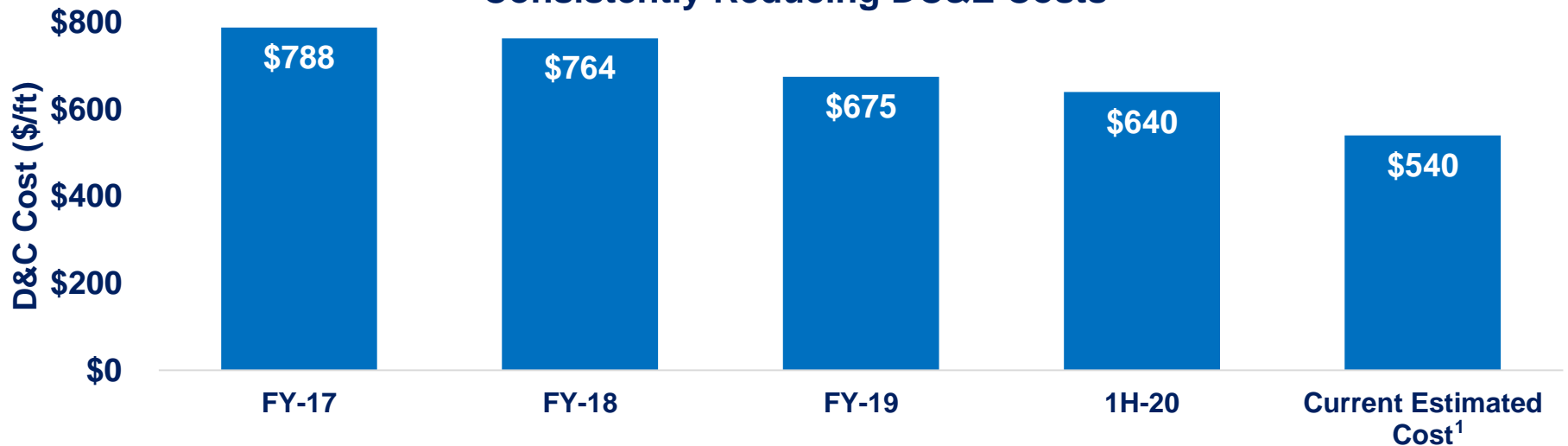


# Maintaining Operational & Cost Advantages in Move to Howard County

## Drilling & Completions Efficiencies



## Consistently Reducing DC&E Costs



# Howard County Sand Mine Drives Additional D&C Cost Reductions



- LPI Leasehold
- Mining Area



**Estimated savings of \$90,000<sup>1</sup> per well**

- Integrated into operations as of mid-November
- Mine operated by a third party
- No additional capital investment beyond surface acreage acquisition



Operated on  
Laredo-owned  
surface acreage



5+ years supply  
of sand



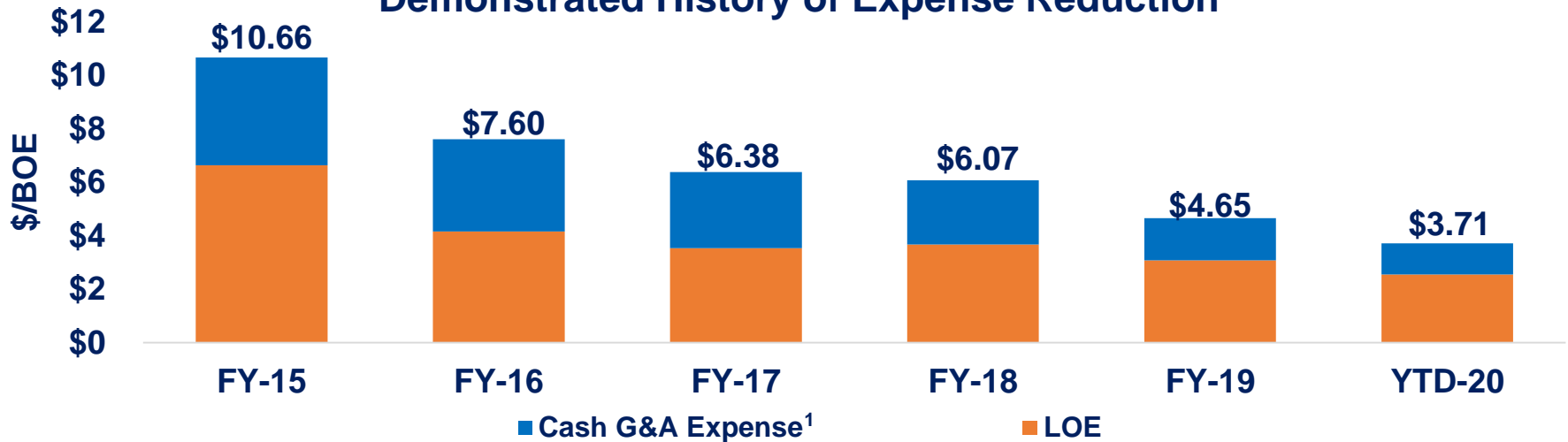
Protects against  
sand cost inflation



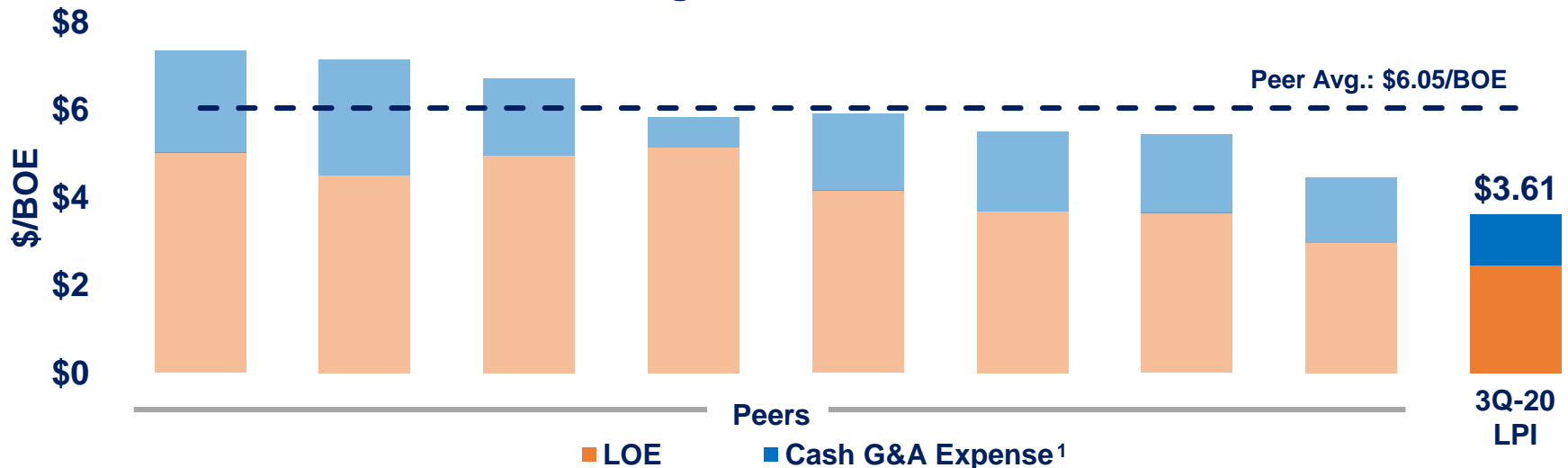
Reduces truck  
traffic by 300,000  
miles per month

# Cost-Control Focus Improves Margins

## Demonstrated History of Expense Reduction



## Peer-Leading Controllable Cash Costs



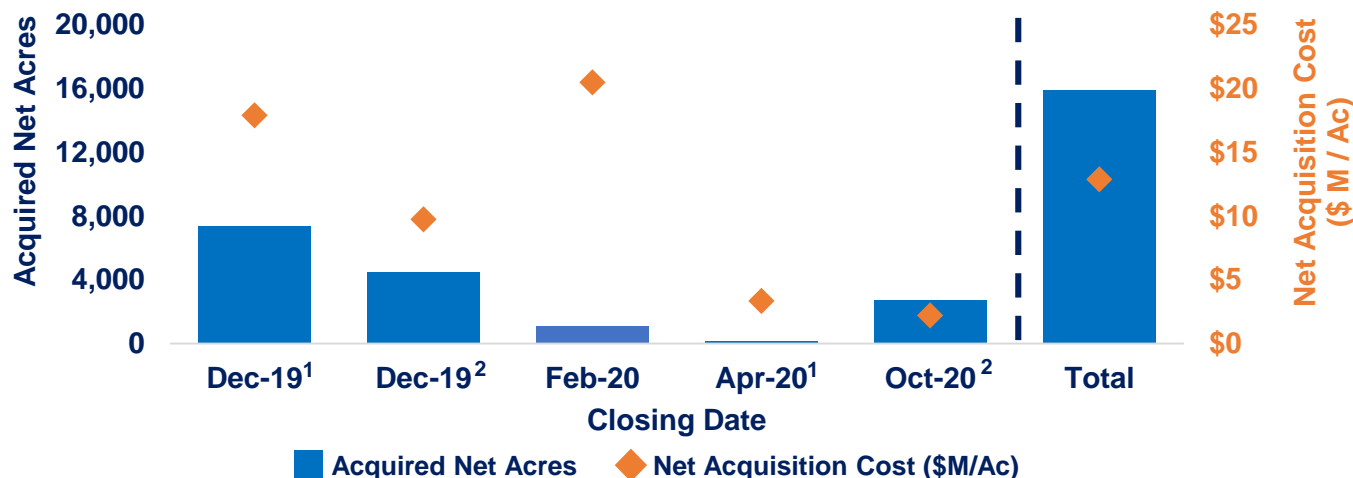
# Acquisitions Add Oily, High-Margin Inventory

- Acquisitions expected to add 3+ years of high-margin inventory and >1,600 BOE/d of production
- All development activity has transitioned to Howard and W. Glasscock counties
- First development package in Howard County expected to be online by end of 4Q-20

Acquired beginning Dec-19	
Howard County	Total
Net Acres	11,299
Targets	LS/UWC/MWC
Locations	120 - 155
W. Glasscock County	Total
Net Acres	4,352
Targets	LS/UWC/MWC
Locations	45

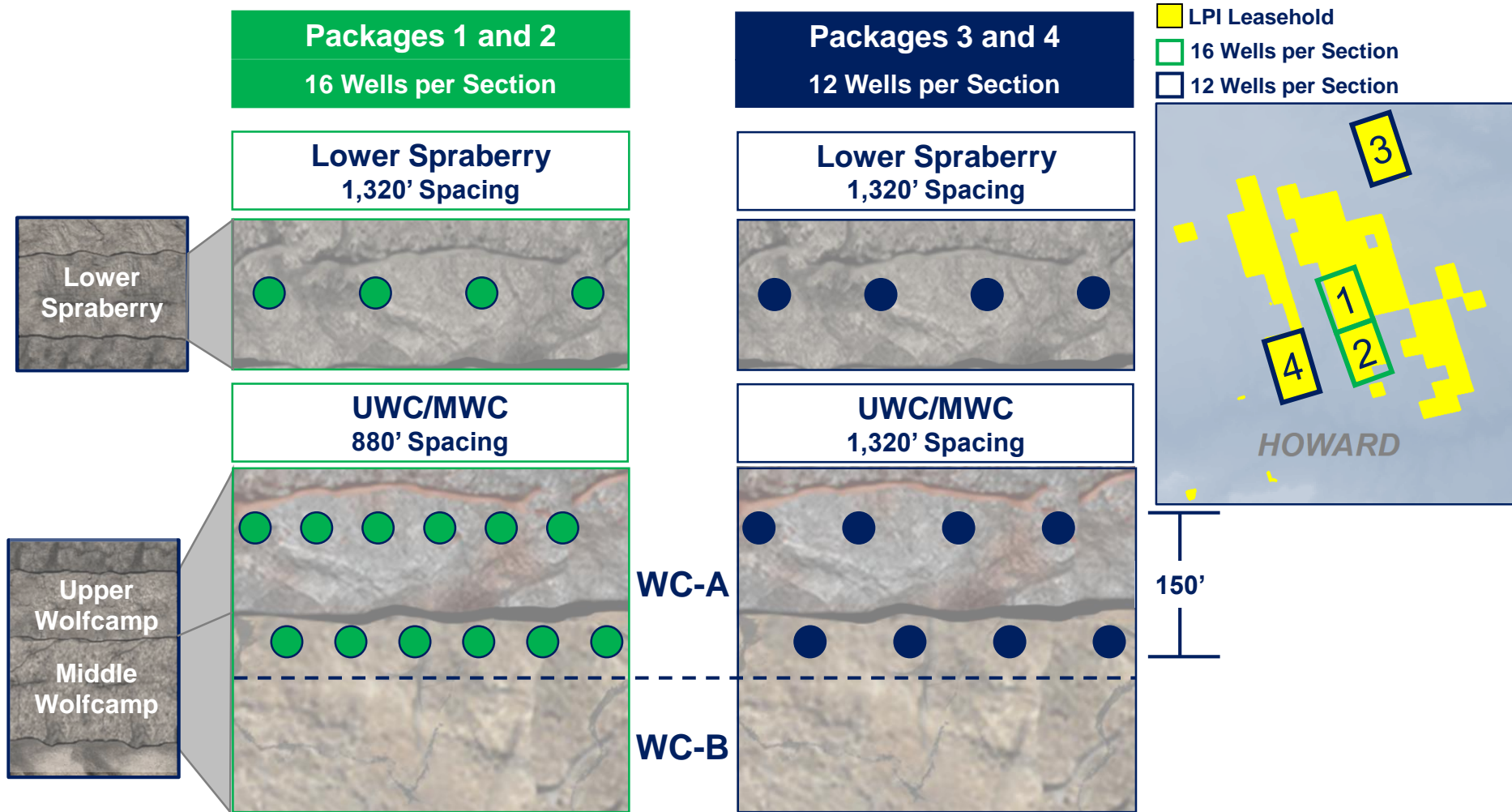


Acquisition Cost per Undeveloped Acre



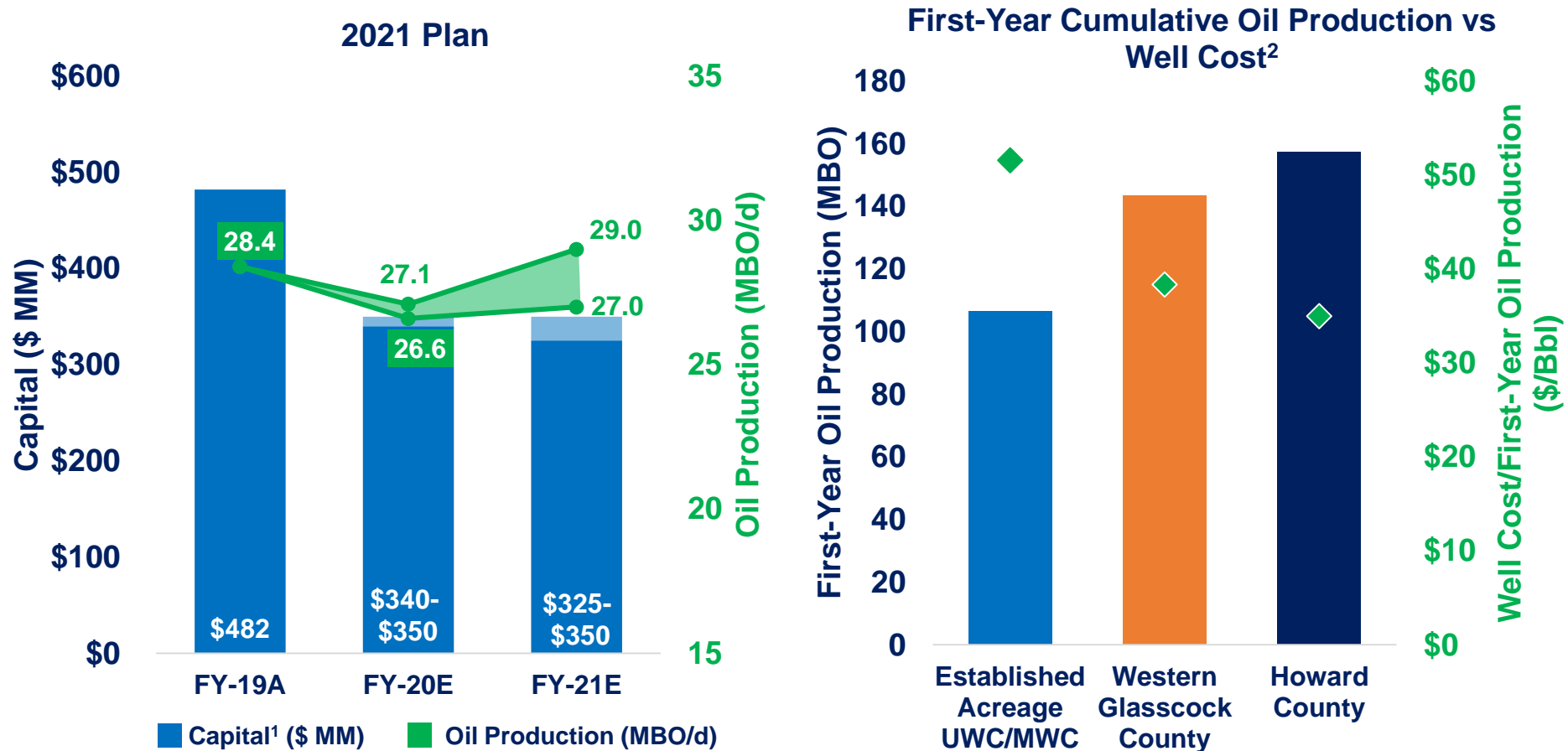
■ LPI Leasehold (133,710 net acres)

# Howard County Development Utilizing Conservative Spacing



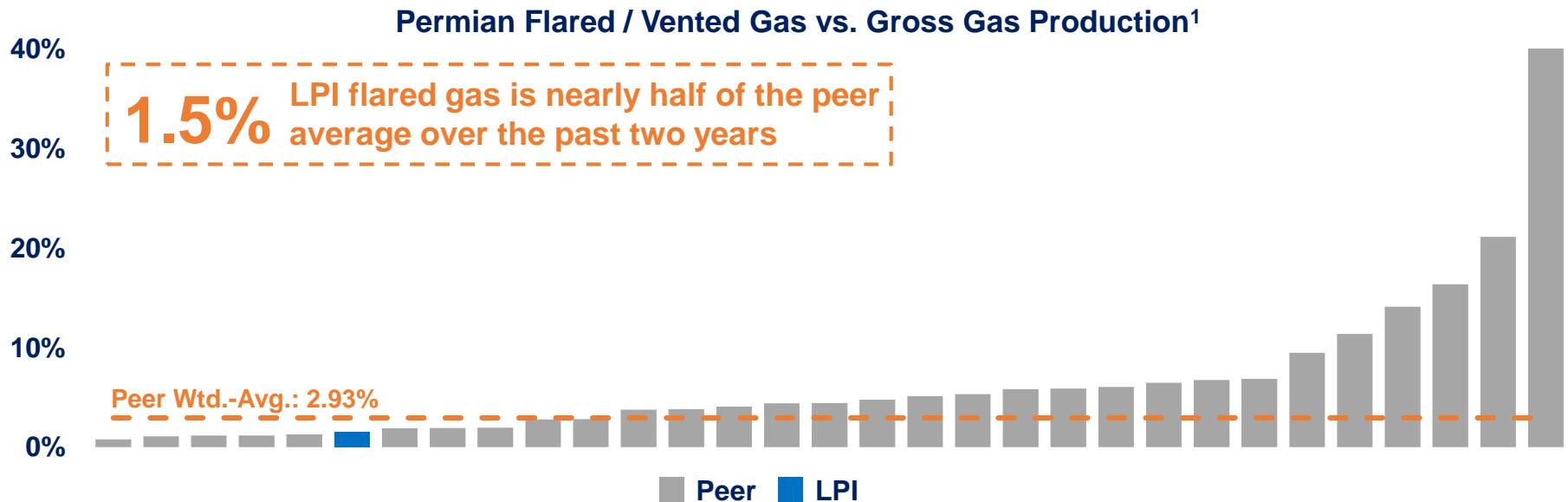
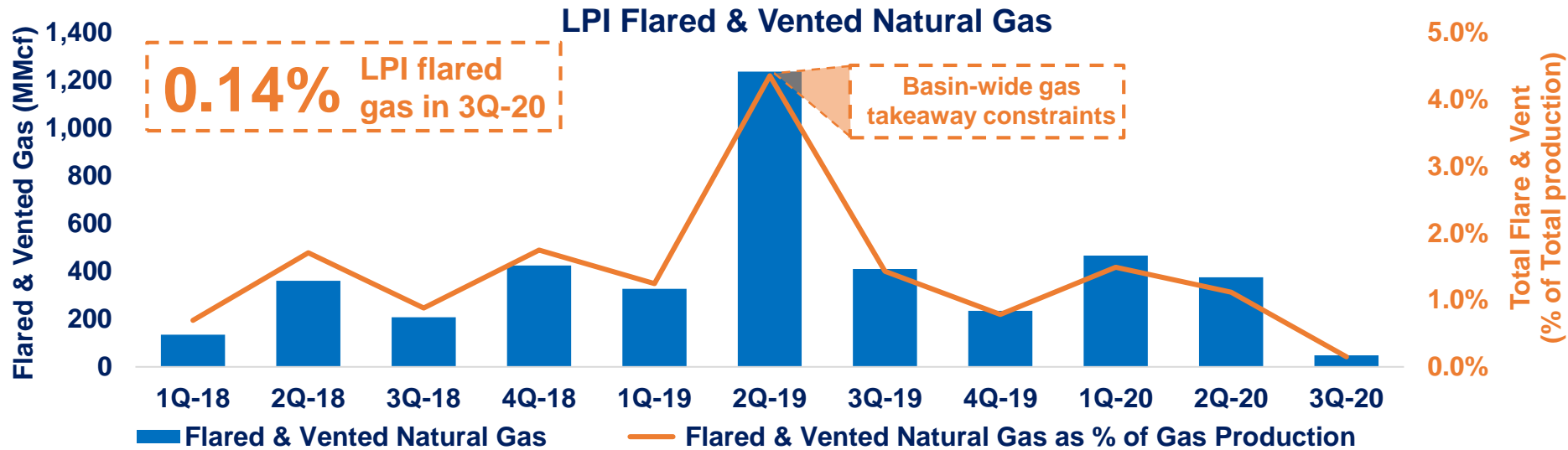
Development spacing optimizes returns and total value based on current commodity prices and well cost

# Acquired Acreage Driving Future Capital Efficiency



2021 plan focused on Howard County development

# Protecting the Environment



# Committed to ESG

## Environment

**54%**

Reduction in flared/vented gas as a percentage of total produced gas vs 2019

**0.90%**

Flared/vented gas as a percentage of total produced gas YTD-20

**15%**

STIP compensation<sup>1</sup> tied to environmental metrics

Inaugural sustainability report to be released 1Q-21

## Social

**>\$230,000**

Pledged & donated by Laredo employees since 2019

**>\$185,000**

Matched by Laredo through the Company's Matching Gifts Program

**>\$150,000**

Donated to non-profits through community matching initiatives



**>\$570,000**

Total amount donated since 2019 to improve our local communities

## Governance

**55%**

Board refresh in last 2 years

**36%**

Female Directors

**9%**

Minority Directors

Separated roles of Chairman and CEO October 2019



## APPENDIX

# Oil, Natural Gas & Natural Gas Liquids Hedges

Hedge Product Summary	4Q-20	FY-21	FY-22
Oil total volume (Bbl)	2,107,720	8,084,750	3,759,500
Oil wtd-avg price (\$/Bbl) - WTI	\$59.35		
Oil wtd-avg price (\$/Bbl) - Brent	\$63.07	\$50.80	\$47.05
Nat gas total volume (MMBtu)	11,897,000	42,522,500	3,650,000
Nat gas wtd-avg price (\$/MMBtu) - HH	\$2.65	\$2.59	\$2.73
NGL total volume (Bbl)	644,000	5,245,050	

Oil	4Q-20	FY-21	FY-22
<b>WTI Swaps</b>			
Volume (Bbl)	1,509,720		
Wtd-avg price (\$/Bbl)	\$59.35		
<b>Brent Swaps</b>			
Volume (Bbl)	598,000	5,037,000	3,759,500
Wtd-avg price (\$/Bbl)	\$63.07	\$49.43	\$47.05
<b>Brent Puts</b>			
Volume (Bbl)		2,463,750	
Wtd-avg floor price (\$/Bbl)		\$55.00	
<b>Brent Collars</b>			
Volume (Bbl)		584,000	
Wtd-avg floor price (\$/Bbl)		\$45.00	
Wtd-avg ceiling price (\$/Bbl)		\$59.50	

Oil Basis Swaps	4Q-20	FY-21	FY-22
<b>Brent/WTI</b>			
Volume (Bbl)	901,600		
Wtd-avg price (\$/Bbl)	\$5.09		

Natural Gas Swaps	4Q-20	FY-21	FY-22
<b>HH</b>			
Volume (MMBtu)	11,897,000 <sup>1</sup>	42,522,500	3,650,000
Wtd-avg price (\$/MMBtu)	\$2.65	\$2.59	\$2.73

Natural Gas Liquids Swaps	4Q-20	FY-21	FY-22
<b>Ethane</b>			
Volume (Bbl)	92,000	912,500	
Wtd-avg price (\$/Bbl)	\$13.60	\$12.01	
<b>Propane</b>			
Volume (Bbl)	312,800	2,423,235	
Wtd-avg price (\$/Bbl)	\$26.58	\$22.90	
<b>Normal Butane</b>			
Volume (Bbl)	110,400	807,745	
Wtd-avg price (\$/Bbl)	\$28.69	\$25.87	
<b>Isobutane</b>			
Volume (Bbl)	27,600	220,460	
Wtd-avg price (\$/Bbl)	\$29.99	\$26.55	
<b>Natural Gasoline</b>			
Volume (Bbl)	101,200	881,110	
Wtd-avg price (\$/Bbl)	\$45.15	\$38.16	

Basis Swaps	4Q-20	FY-21	FY-22
<b>Waha/HH</b>			
Volume (MMBtu)	10,580,000	41,610,000	7,300,000
Wtd-avg price (\$/MMBtu)	(\$0.82)	(\$0.55)	(\$0.53)

# Guidance

<b>Production:</b>	<b>4Q-20</b>	<b>FY-20</b>
Total production (MBOE/d)	82.0 - 84.0	87.6 - 88.1
Oil production (MBO/d)	21.0 - 23.0	26.6 - 27.1

<b>Average sales price realizations:</b> <i>(excluding derivatives)</i>	<b>4Q-20</b>
Oil (% of WTI)	95%
NGL (% of WTI)	26%
Natural gas (% of Henry Hub)	49%

<b>Other (\$ MM):</b>	<b>4Q-20</b>
Net income / (expense) of purchased oil	(\$4.3)
Net midstream income / (expense)	\$0.75

<b>Operating costs &amp; expenses (\$/BOE):</b>	<b>4Q-20</b>
Lease operating expenses	\$2.80
Production and ad valorem taxes <i>(% of oil, NGL and natural gas revenues)</i>	7.25%
Transportation and marketing expenses	\$1.95
General and administrative expenses (excluding LTIP)	\$1.25
General and administrative expenses (LTIP cash & non-cash)	\$0.35
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	\$6.00

# Commodity Prices Used for 4Q-20 Realization Guidance

## Oil:

	WTI NYMEX (\$/Bbl)	Brent ICE (\$/Bbl)
Oct-20	\$39.56	\$41.55
Nov-20	\$36.90	\$38.99
Dec-20	\$37.32	\$39.50
4Q-20 Average	\$37.94	\$40.03

## Natural Gas Liquids:

	C2 (\$/Bbl)	C3 (\$/Bbl)	IC4 (\$/Bbl)	NC4 (\$/Bbl)	C5+ (\$/Bbl)	Composite (\$/Bbl)
Oct-20	\$9.03	\$21.74	\$26.89	\$26.65	\$36.50	\$18.90
Nov-20	\$9.46	\$23.05	\$28.78	\$28.77	\$34.02	\$19.54
Dec-20	\$9.49	\$23.12	\$28.58	\$27.50	\$34.06	\$19.42
4Q-20 Average	\$9.33	\$22.63	\$28.07	\$27.63	\$34.87	\$19.29

## Natural Gas:

	HH (\$/MMBtu)	Waha (\$/MMBtu)
Oct-20	\$2.10	\$1.29
Nov-20	\$3.00	\$1.60
Dec-20	\$3.24	\$2.96
4Q-20 Average	\$2.78	\$1.95

# Howard County Bolt-On Acquisition Announced October 2020



-  LPI Leasehold
-  Oct-20 Acquisition

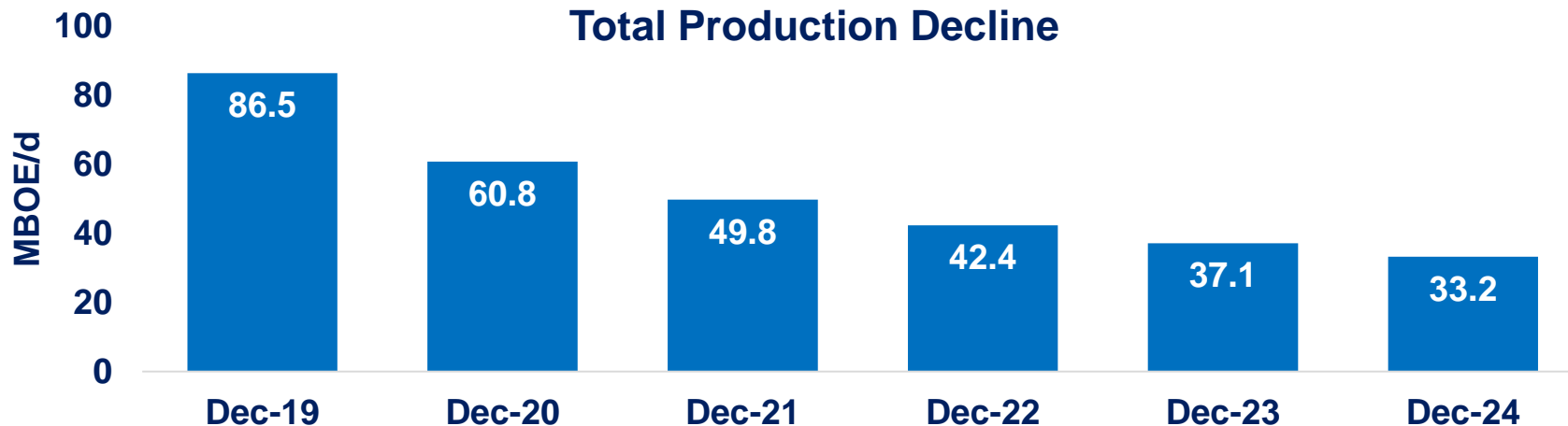
## Acquisition Highlights

- Acquired 2,758 net acres adjacent to existing Howard County acreage
  - Company's position is now 11,299 net acres
- Added 12 new 10,000-foot locations, with the potential for 25 additional locations as drilling units are formed
- Increased working interest and lateral length of 12 existing locations, from 45% to 83% & 7,500' to 10,000', respectively
- Includes production of 210 BOE/d (80% oil)
- Low-cost financing with entire transaction funded by Senior Secured Credit Facility

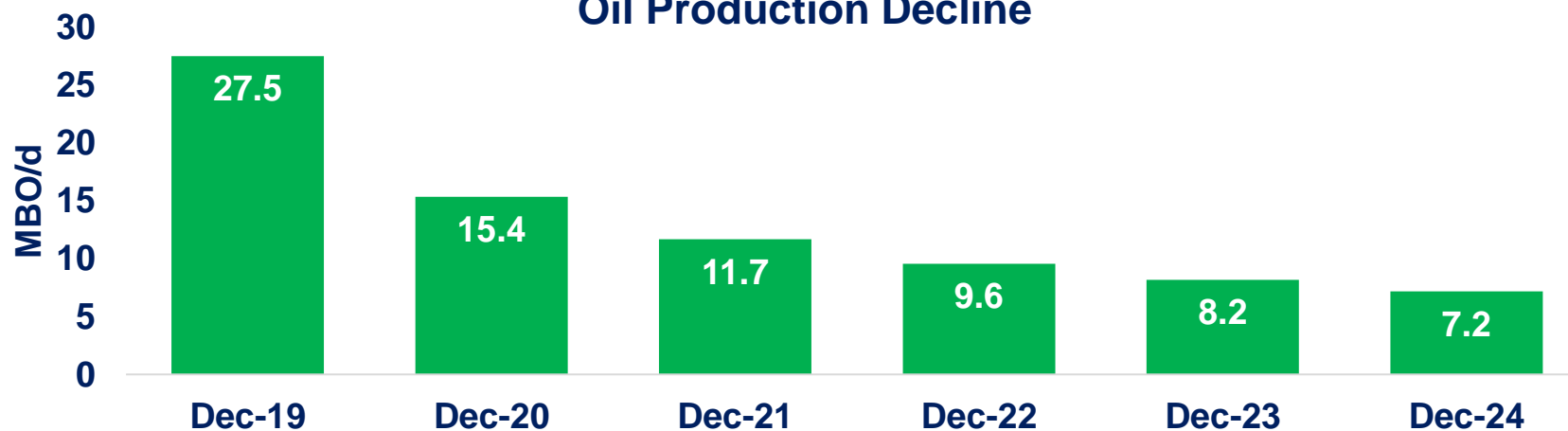
**Undeveloped acreage acquired at \$2,200/acre<sup>1</sup>**

# YE-19 Base Production Decline Expectations

## Total Production Decline



## Oil Production Decline



# Increased Activity Accelerates Development of Howard County DUCs

	1Q-20A	2Q-20A	3Q-20A	4Q-20E	FY-20E
Drilling Rigs	4.0	2.4	1.0	1.0	2.1
Spuds	25	17	7	6	55
Completion Crews	1.7	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.8
Completions	28	5	0	15	48
Total Capital <sup>1</sup> (\$MM)	\$155	\$78	\$43	\$64 - \$74	\$340 - \$350
Avg. Working Interest					98%
Avg. Lateral Length					9,000

# Supplemental Non-GAAP Financial Measures

## Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure that we define as net income or loss plus adjustments for share-settled equity-based compensation, depletion, depreciation and amortization, impairment expense, mark-to-market on derivatives, premiums paid for commodity derivatives that matured during the period, accretion expense, gains or losses on disposal of assets, interest expense, income taxes and other non-recurring income and expenses. Adjusted EBITDA provides no information regarding a company's capital structure, borrowings, interest costs, capital expenditures, working capital movement or tax position. Adjusted EBITDA does not represent funds available for future discretionary use because it excludes funds required for debt service, capital expenditures, working capital, income taxes, franchise taxes and other commitments and obligations. However, our management believes Adjusted EBITDA is useful to an investor in evaluating our operating performance because this measure: is widely used by investors in the oil and natural gas industry to measure a company's operating performance without regard to items that can vary substantially from company to company depending upon accounting methods, the book value of assets, capital structure and the method by which assets were acquired, among other factors; helps investors to more meaningfully evaluate and compare the results of our operations from period to period by removing the effect of our capital structure from our operating structure; and is used by our management for various purposes, including as a measure of operating performance, in presentations to our board of directors and as a basis for strategic planning and forecasting. There are significant limitations to the use of Adjusted EBITDA as a measure of performance, including the inability to analyze the effect of certain recurring and non-recurring items that materially affect our net income or loss and the lack of comparability of results of operations to different companies due to the different methods of calculating Adjusted EBITDA reported by different companies. Our measurements of Adjusted EBITDA for financial reporting as compared to compliance under our debt agreements differ.

The following table presents a reconciliation of net income (loss) (GAAP) to Adjusted EBITDA (non-GAAP):

(in thousands, unaudited)	Three months ended,			
	12/31/19	3/31/20 <sup>1</sup>	6/30/20	9/30/20
Net income (loss)	(\$241,721)	\$74,646	(\$545,455)	(\$237,432)
Plus:				
Share-settled equity-based compensation, net	3,046	2,376	1,694	2,041
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	67,846	61,302	66,574	47,015
Impairment expense	222,999	186,699	406,448	196,088
Organizational restructuring expenses	—	—	4,200	—
Mark-to-market on derivatives:				
(Gain) loss on derivatives, net	57,562	(297,836)	90,537	45,250
Settlements received for matured derivatives, net	14,394	47,723	86,872	51,840
Settlements received for early-terminated commodity derivatives, net	—	—	—	6,340
Premiums paid for commodity derivatives that matured during the period	(1,399)	(477)	—	—
Accretion expense	1,041	1,106	1,117	1,102
(Gain) loss on disposal of assets, net	(67)	602	(152)	607
Interest expense	15,044	24,970	27,072	26,828
Loss on extinguishment of debt	—	13,320	—	—
Write-off of debt issuance costs	935	—	1,103	—
Income tax (benefit) expense	(1,776)	2,417	(7,173)	(2,398)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$137,904	\$116,848	\$132,837	\$137,281

# Supplemental Non-GAAP Financial Measures

## Consolidated EBITDAX (Credit Agreement Calculation)

“**Consolidated EBITDAX**” means, for any Person for any period, the Consolidated Net Income of such Person for such period, plus each of the following, to the extent deducted in determining Consolidated Net Income without duplication, determined for such Person and its Consolidated Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis for such period: any provision for (or less any benefit from) income or franchise Taxes; interest expense (as determined under GAAP as in effect as of December 31, 2016), depreciation, depletion and amortization expense; exploration expenses; and other non-cash charges to the extent not already included in the foregoing clauses (ii), (iii) or (iv), plus the aggregate Specified EBITDAX Adjustments during such period; *provided* that the aggregate Specified EBITDAX Adjustments shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the Consolidated EBITDAX for such period prior to giving effect to any Specified EBITDAX Adjustments for such period, and minus all non-cash income to the extent included in determining Consolidated Net Income. For the purposes of calculating Consolidated EBITDAX for any Rolling Period in connection with any determination of the financial ratio contained in [Section 10.1\(b\)](#), if during such Rolling Period, Borrower or any Consolidated Restricted Subsidiary shall have made a Material Disposition or Material Acquisition, the Consolidated EBITDAX for such Rolling Period shall be calculated after giving pro forma effect thereto as if such Material Disposition or Material Acquisition, as applicable, occurred on the first day of such Rolling Period.

For additional information, please see the Company's Fifth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, as amended, dated May 2, 2017 as filed with Securities and Exchange Commission.

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Consolidated Net Income (Loss)	(241,788)	88,568	(541,407)	(236,825)
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Settlements received for matured derivatives, net	14,394	47,723	86,872	51,840
Settlements received for early-terminated commodity derivatives, net	—	—	—	6,340
Mark-to-market (gain) loss on derivatives, net	71,956	(250,113)	177,409	103,430
Premiums paid for commodity derivatives	(1,399)	(477)	(50,593)	—
Non-Cash Charges/Income:				
Deferred income tax expense (benefit)	(1,776)	2,417	(7,173)	(2,398)
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Consolidated EBITDAX after EBITDAX Adjustments	\$137,904	\$116,848	\$82,244	\$137,281

# Supplemental Non-GAAP Financial Measures

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## Net Debt

Net Debt, a non-GAAP financial measure, is calculated as long-term debt less cash. Management believes Net Debt is useful to management and investors in determining the Company's leverage position since the Company has the ability, and may decide, to use a portion of its cash and cash equivalents to reduce debt. Net debt as of 12-4-20 was \$1.163 B.

## Net debt to TTM Adjusted EBITDA

Net Debt to TTM Adjusted EBITDA is calculated as net debt divided by trailing twelve-month Adjusted EBITDA. Net debt is calculated as the face value of debt, reduced by cash and cash equivalents.

Net Debt to Adjusted EBITDA is used by our management for various purposes, including as a measure of operating performance, in presentations to our board of directors and as a basis for strategic planning and forecasting.

See Appendix slides for a definition of Adjusted EBITDA and for a reconciliation of Net Income to Adjusted EBITDA.

## Net debt to TTM Consolidated EBITDAX (Credit Agreement Calculation)

Net Debt to TTM Consolidated EBITDAX is calculated as net debt divided by trailing twelve-month Consolidated EBITDAX. Net debt is calculated as the face value of debt, reduced by cash and cash equivalents.

Net Debt to Consolidated EBITDAX is used by the banks in our Senior Secured Credit Agreement as a measure of indebtedness and as a calculation to measure compliance with the Company's leverage covenant.

See Appendix slides for a definition of Consolidated EBITDAX and for a reconciliation of Net Income to Consolidated EBITDAX.

## Liquidity

Calculated as the Company's outstanding borrowings on its Senior Secured Credit Agreement, less outstanding letters of credit, plus cash and cash equivalents.

## Cash Flow

Cash flow, a non-GAAP financial measure, represents cash flows from operating activities before changes in operating assets and liabilities, net.

## Free Cash Flow

Free Cash Flow, a non-GAAP financial measure, represents net cash provided by operating activities before changes in operating assets and liabilities, net, less costs incurred, excluding non-budgeted acquisition costs. It does not represent funds available for future discretionary use because it excludes funds required for future debt service, capital expenditures, acquisitions, working capital, income taxes, franchise taxes and other commitments and obligations. Management believes Free Cash Flow is useful to management and investors in evaluating operating trends in our business that are affected by production, commodity prices, operating costs and other related factors. There are significant limitations to the use of Free Cash Flow as a measure of performance, including the lack of comparability due to the different methods of calculating Free Cash Flow reported by different companies.