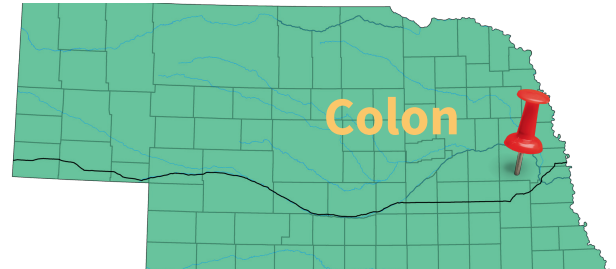


GREENER TOWNS

Colon Community Park

The Village of Colon received Greener Towns and Trees for Towns grants to landscape a newly established community park. The project introduced drought-resistant, low-maintenance native trees, shrubs, and flowers designed to beautify the space while minimizing upkeep, with maturing trees promising future cooling shade for families and children at play. The park directly addresses a longstanding community need by providing residents, children, and visitors a safe, welcoming, and environmentally sustainable space for recreation, socialization, and community connection.



Funding and Costs

Square Footage Impacted by Greener Towns	Trees Planted	Plants Planted	Project Value
22300	10	78	\$3,228,66

Species Highlights



American hazelnut
Corylus americana



Lilac
Syringa vulgaris



Catnip
Nepeta cataria

Green Infrastructure Impact

- Shrubs add native and well-adapted woody habitat to the park and the village.
- Plants were chosen to provide year round benefit to pollinators.

Partners

- Colon's community volunteers
- Lower Platte South NRD
- Great Plains Nursery



Tree planting : American Hazelnut



Volunteer's digging a hole