



South 84th and South Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

The project

Aldersgate United Methodist Church is beginning the third year of a collaborative project to renovate its 1.9 acres of green space to benefit the environment and **serve the neighborhood**. A seminar on sustainable landscaping inspired us to transform a standard project with foundation plantings into something much more ambitious. The vision is an intensively landscaped park with an abundance of plants for wildlife habitat that offers **solace through nature** for visitors. Streets and sidewalks on three sides of the property provide easy public access. **Nature-based play** for children is a key aspect of the vision. When completed, Aldersgate Gardens will serve as an example of sustainable landscaping and a nature-based playground.



The raingarden functioning during a rain event. It took a few rounds of modifications to get it to drain right.

What we learned

- 1** A vision of what is possible must be the first priority.
- 2** Excellent landscape design assistance is essential in translating a vision into reality.
- 3** Without grants, we could not have accomplished much.



Dark Towers Penstemon
Penstemon digitalis



Little Joe Joe-Pye Weed
Eupatorium dubium



Northwind Switchgrass
Panicum virgatum



Arctic Fire Dogwood
Cornus sericea

Who's involved & costs

- Lincoln Public Works and Utilities
- Lincoln Parks & Recreation
- Lower Platte South NRD
- Finke's Landscaping
- Nebraska Statewide Arboretum

\$7,500

PAID BY GREENER TOWNS

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PAID BY OTHER GRANTS

\$17,330

PAID LOCALLY

\$7,857

DONATED TIME/GOODS

\$25,241

PROJECT VALUE



Volunteers planting the raingarden.

Aldersgate Church Raingarden

GREENER TOWNS

