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.

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.

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
$17,330 Paid by Other Grants
$7,857 Paid Locally
$25,241 Donated Time/Goods

PROJECT VALUE

Aldersgate Church Raingarden

GREENER TOWNS

CLEANS WATER
NATIVE PLANTS
MENTAL RESTORATION

BEFORE

AFTER

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

Volunteers planting the raingarden.