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ANNUAL REPORT

PLANTNEBRASKA

Growing trees, plants and communities

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



This last year will be one that we will always remember at PlantNebraska, because it was the year that we became PlantNebraska. It was the year that we took a breath, looked back with respect for our history and forward with intention and chose to brand ourselves in a way that reflects what our mission has become over the last 48 years.

As we worked through the process, we wanted to make sure that moving forward we encapsulated everything we do. Our new tagline "Growing Trees, Plants and Communities" does just that. We remain rooted in our history while ensuring that we continue to grow to accomplish our mission.

Throughout this Annual Report you will see all the ways we continue to grow. You'll see highlights of our grant programs across the state, you'll read about our efforts to collect seed from important species and you'll learn more about our events that engage, educate and entertain. I am pleased to share with you all the wonderful things we've accomplished throughout the last year.

Our accomplishments are not just our own. I would be remiss if I didn't thank our dedicated staff for their unique contributions and for showing up every day to keep planting Nebraska. But I also want to point out that we are simply enablers. Each of the data points we present here has a person on the ground making it happen. We should always remember that nothing happens without a caring person working both behind and in front of the scenes.

So, thank you to each of you on the ground, from the person who dug one hole, to the person who kept track of the receipts, to the person who kept trees watered on 100- degree days. *You* made a difference. *You* planted Nebraska. This is your work and your accomplishment. Now, let's keep growing.

Hanna Pinneo
Executive Director

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



Oh, what a difference a year makes! I recently teamed up with the Alliance Public Library garden club and had the honor of hosting a talk on perennials. The presentation highlighted the Scotts Bluff County Courthouse pollinator garden. This was a collective effort between our local 4-H club and master gardener volunteers, funded through the Greener Towns grant and supported by PlantNebraska. After showing an "after" photo, I asked the group, "How long do you think this garden has been growing?" Most participants said 3-4 years. Wrong, guess again. One year, that's all. One year is all it takes to go from weeds to WOW! Impressive right?

You have made all the difference this past year for us at PlantNebraska. Thank you for embracing our major organizational rebrand earlier this year. It truly reflects our expanded mission, statewide impact and community-focused work.

Our tree planting initiatives, green space enhancements and local projects continue to be supported through Trees for Nebraska Towns, Greener Towns and Urban & Community Forestry grants. And in the coming year, know that you can continue to make a monumental and lasting impact in our sustained network of community partnerships through your memberships, affiliate site accreditations, sponsorships, attendance at our events, and through your legacy gifts and giving. Please, bring a friend along for the experience; we'd love to share what great things PlantNebraska has to offer!

As PlantNebraska reflects, last year's accomplishments show we've experienced many "WOW" milestones in growing trees, growing plants and growing communities, but there is still SO much more to accomplish. We look forward to your continued engagement, investments, education and support!

Katie Markheim
Board President



Our new name and brand were officially unveiled at the Plants & Pints event in October 2025.



From left to right: Membership & Affiliate Coordinator Toby Burnham, Executive Director Hanna Pinneo & Hanna's husband Matthew Boring

New Name, New Brand!

After 48 years as the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, we took a big leap this year and launched a new name and new brand for the organization.

We were thrilled to partner with the Lincoln-based marketing agency KidGlov, which created our vibrant new logo that's catching the attention of plant and tree people across the state.

Founded in 1978 as a public/private partnership with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to create a network of arboretums across Nebraska, today the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum network is still an integral program of PlantNebraska, with more than 100 arboretums and public gardens. The organization's reach, mission and partnerships have expanded to encompass sustainable landscaping, grant partnerships, green infrastructure support, environmental outreach and community-building.

We are grateful for the support of thousands of Nebraskans over the last nearly 50 years, and we can't wait to Plant Nebraska with you for 50 more (at least!).

PLANTNEBRASKA



Impact at a Glance

In FY 2026...



2,162
trees planted



6,899
perennials & grasses planted



48,189
trees & plants sold

123

communities impacted by grants





720

Arbor Day seedlings grown





$5,850,502

in project funds granted



Impact at a Glance

Growing Trees



Green spaces aren't a luxury; they're essential infrastructure for healthy, thriving communities. Trees improve air quality, absorb stormwater, cool communities, support biodiversity and create spaces where people want to live, work and gather. Yet many of Nebraska's community forests are struggling; in fact, Nebraska currently leads the nation in tree canopy loss. That's where PlantNebraska's programs are making a big impact, helping communities remove at-risk, diseased and dying trees and replace them with healthy trees that will provide benefits for generations to come.







Fairview Cemetery, Scottsbluff

Scottsbluff and the surrounding area have weathered several intense wind and hail storms over the last few years, leaving Fairview Cemetery with dozens of damaged trees that could pose a threat to visitors. A three-year Urban and Community Forestry grant is allowing the cemetery to remove 65 hazardous trees, structurally prune others and plant 125 new trees.

"This grant is a great resource for us to do a lot of important tree removal and rebuild the canopy," said Scottsbluff Parks and Recreation Director Matt Carpenter. "Removal is very costly, and it would typically take us several years to replant 125 trees. But this grant will help us make a safe and more pleasing environment for visitors and return the cemetery to the beautiful place it used to be with a lot of trees and a peaceful environment."

Carpenter also emphasized that the grant is allowing them to improve the diversity of the cemetery's tree canopy by planting a variety of trees, from willows and bur oaks to maple, chokecherry and honey locust. "Diversity changes the aesthetic of the cemetery a little bit and beautifies it all at the same time," said Carpenter.

Omaha Parks



Kountze Park in North Omaha is one of eight Omaha Parks participating in a three-year, $300,000 Urban and Community Forestry grant to Omaha Parks Foundation that will help revitalize the parks and make them safer and more beautiful. A total of 326 dead, dying and hazardous trees were removed over the fall and winter of 2025-2026, with 326 new trees planted in the spring, including six at Koutze Park. The new trees will complement the healthy mature trees that provide shade, as well as the recently installed play structure and splash pad.

“This park is so lively; every day there is something going on here,” said North Omaha resident Randall Aguilar. “It’s great to see so many kids enjoying the playground, the basketball courts, the beautiful surroundings, everything.”

“Koutze Park is over 100 years old, and it has a beautiful, diverse tree canopy,” added Omaha Parks Foundation Executive Director Tiffany Regan. “We really appreciate PlantNebraska helping us make this park great for the next 100 years. “



Fairbury Cemetery

Like Scottsbluff, the Fairbury Cemetery has seen its tree canopy decline over the years. But board members and community leaders refused to stand by as their cemetery fell into disarray.

> “PEOPLE ARE NOTICING THE IMPROVEMENTS. THE TREES ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE.”
>
> Stan Steward



Bob Hose, a retired businessman who was raised in Fairbury and now lives in York, noticed the grounds had deteriorated significantly when he was there to pay tribute to his parents and grandparents. Since then, he and Fairbury Cemetery Association president Stan Steward have overseen a two-year Urban and Community Forestry grant to remove 10 hazardous and dying trees and plant 50 new native or near native trees.

“People are noticing the improvements,” said Steward. “The trees are really making a difference.” In fact, one local resident, after seeing a news story about the project, donated additional funds for landscaping around the columbarium. The cemetery hopes to plant 70 more trees in the future.

“My ancestors are buried out here,” said Hose. “So it’s important to people like me to keep things going. The community is engaged with this project, and that’s been great to see.”

Growing Trees



Lincoln Neighborhoods

When Peter Smith noticed a sharp decline in tree canopy in his Lincoln neighborhood, he decided to take action. He recruited ten neighbors to participate in a street tree planting project through PlantNebraska's Trees for Nebraska Towns grant program. The grant supplied the trees, while Smith and neighborhood volunteers helped plant, water and care for them.

The success of the project inspired neighbors on nearby streets to do the same. Volunteers later planted ten additional trees along South 35th Street and plan to add more along South 36th Street this year.

"This program is vital because it empowers people to turn neighborhoods back into shady, welcoming spaces," Smith said. "Trees build community, and planting ten trees at a time makes urban forestry feel approachable for everyday people."

Omaha Tri-Faith Initiative

PlantNebraska's large green infrastructure projects tend to get the most public attention, but Sustainable Landscape Specialist Sarah Buckley often reminds us that our smaller grants can make dreams a reality, too.

"The $100-$1,000 grants are typically where I hear about the patiently planned, deeply personal visions that are made possible for people doing amazing things for their communities," said Buckley.

Such was the case with a recent tree planting at the Tri-Faith Initiative in Omaha. Just $900 provided seven oak trees that were carefully selected to honor the Jewish, Muslim, Christian and Indigenous faiths that participate in this unique collaborative community.

"When I tell you that I have been dreaming about these tree on the commons for years now, it is not an overstatement," said Bonnie, a volunteer with the Tri-Faith Initiative.



It may seem like a small thing to plant seven trees, but plantings like these make a big difference for the people invested in these projects. "I wish all our donors could see the look on people's faces when they finish working and step back to look at the completed project," said Buckley. "It really is so special."

Collecting Seeds

When we say we specialize in native plants and trees, we mean native! PlantNebraska Horticulture Coordinator Bob Henrickson spends dozens of hours every year collecting native tree and plant seeds, which he then spends more hours (and weeks and months) sowing, germinating, cultivating and nurturing in our greenhouses. It is intensive manual labor, but Henrickson insists it's critically important.

"Many species' native range covers a huge geographic area, sometimes spanning all of North America," explained Henrickson. This means a white oak in Maine might be significantly different, genetically, from a white oak in eastern Nebraska.

"The seed we collect locally comes from trees that have developed for millennia in our area," said Henrickson, "so we know the trees we grow from this seed will be well-adapted to our specific environmental conditions—our climate, our soils our weather—and much more likely to thrive."

Last fall PlantNebraska staff collected seed from the only known native white oak stand in Nebraska, as well as several pounds of acorns from a dwarf chinkapin oak stand. Back at the greenhouse, the seed went into a 90-day cold stratification to mimic their dormant period in nature and then were sown into seed trays. Later the seedlings were transplanted into pots so they could mature. Eventually these young trees will make their way back into the Nebraska landscape, where they will contribute to our ecosystem.





Engagement

1,200+ member households

6,500 annual event attendees

19,000 combined social media followers

Growing Plants



At PlantNebraska we don't just *plant* plants, we *grow* them, too! In fact, we grow thousands of native and well-adapted perennial plants each year, nurturing them from seed to sale in our greenhouses.

Our Horticulture Coordinator, Bob Henrickson, oversees this labor of love, with help from our student intern and dozens of volunteers who show up to sow seeds, transplant seedlings and assist with our sales and events. It's truly a collaborative effort, and we know the work is worth it. Each year, dozens of communities across Nebraska install pollinator gardens and sustainable landscapes with our plants, introducing new habitat, helping to manage stormwater more efficiently, supporting local ecosystems and beautifying surroundings.

Rose Hill Elementary School, Omaha

It was all hands on deck—250 pairs of hands, to be exact—when students, staff and volunteers at Rose Hill Elementary School transformed a former blacktop area into a shade garden filled with more than 100 plants.

The project was funded in part through a PlantNebraska Greener Towns grant, with additional support from the Country Club Historic District, the Mahzy Project and Fager Excavating.

"We wanted the front of the school to reflect the beauty of the education happening inside," said PTO Treasurer Anna Wastell. "It's also been a great learning opportunity, with students helping to plant and learning about the garden in classes."

Wastell said the partnership was especially meaningful for the school community. "Rose Hill is located in a low-income area, so fundraising can be challenging," she said. "PlantNebraska provided the funding, plants and labor to help make this project possible. It's been a wonderful partnership."







The Hub, Lincoln

We recently partnered with The Hub Central Access Point for Young Adults, a Lincoln nonprofit that helps young people on their path to independence. Thanks in part to a Greener Towns grant, what was once "an underutilized weed patch" is being transformed into a vibrant outdoor space featuring a pollinator garden, raised vegetable beds and a sustainable bee lawn.

"Things can sometimes be heavy within our four walls," said The Hub Executive Director Rose Hood Buss. "This space is about recognizing the importance of being able to connect with something outside ourselves and the power that can bring."





For Rose, the transformation is about more than plants. "We love this community, and this community deserves beautiful things," she said. "It deserves the opportunity to see this space as something beyond a weed patch."







Denton Community Historical Society

A small but determined group of volunteers transitioned the turfgrass lawn in front of the Denton Community Historical Society into a prairie-inspired landscape featuring native perennials, grasses and trees. Funded through a Greener Towns grant, the project also includes a natural lawn mix of clover, yarrow and fescue designed to reduce long-term water use and maintenance.

> “WE WANTED THE LANDSCAPE TO REFLECT THE HISTORY OF THE PLACE.”
>
> Jane Reinkordt

The Historical Society planting was designed to complement another Greener Towns project across the street at the Denton Community Center, which had recently installed a pollinator garden around the flagpole near the entrance and shrubs along the building foundation.

“We wanted the landscape to reflect the history of this place before settlement, when this area was prairie,” said lead volunteer Jane Reinkordt. “This grant helped us tremendously, especially through the expertise of the PlantNebraska staff,” she added. “We hadn’t considered trees in the design, and now the bur oak is my favorite part of the landscape.”



Growing Plants

North Platte NRD, Scottsbluff



When the North Platte NRD was faced with a landscaping challenge, they turned to PlantNebraska for assistance. A Greener Towns grant funded the installation of a pollinator garden that abuts the greenhouse, helping to prevent the soil erosion from roof runoff and mitigating the spread of weeds.

The native sedges and pollinator perennials will not only help prevent erosion but will create habitat for native pollinators and beneficial insects. The landscape will also be used to showcase plants local home gardeners may want to consider for their own landscapes.

“This garden is a great education tool for the public,” said Kirstee Moore, Special Projects Coordinator at the North Platte NRD. “It’s an example of what we hope our constituents will incorporate into their own home landscapes.”



Volunteer Spotlight

John Dietrich started volunteering with PlantNebraska when he retired from the Crime Lab in 2008. In his 18-year stint, he’s done it all: weeding, collecting and sowing seed and transplanting thousands of seedlings.

“John has had the longest tenure of any volunteer in the greenhouse, and his help has been invaluable,” said Bob Henrickson, PlantNebrakska Horticulture Coordinator. “He’s one of the best transplanters I’ve ever had, and because of that, I task him with the most difficult seedlings to transplant – the tiniest, most fragile plants.”

“I just enjoy being around Bob,” said John. “He is a walking encyclopedia, he keeps so many balls in the air and he treats everybody with dignity. He is such a treasure.”

Spring Affair

Spring Affair is the biggest plant sale in the Great Plains. Every April, more than 3,000 plant fans stream into the Sandhills Global Event Center in Lincoln to shop for perennials, annuals, herbs, grasses, trees and shrubs, with more than 100 volunteers pitching in to help ensure that everything runs smoothly. Spring Affair and the Preview Party & Sale that kicks off the three-day plant extravaganza is our biggest fundraiser of the year, with proceeds supporting our greenhouse production, planting projects and educational outreach.





By the Numbers

800+ species
31,376 plants & trees sold
3,000+ shoppers
100+ volunteers



Donor Spotlight



Ryan Haney and Jen Naughton first connected with PlantNebraska more than two decades ago after purchasing a house in Omaha. “Our yard was a giant piece of grass, and I wanted to convert it into something with more native plants,” said Haney. A friend told him about Spring Affair, and Haney was hooked.

Ryan and Jen still shop at Spring Affair every April. They’re also Horticulture Circle members and feel strongly about supporting PlantNebraska. “I like what PlantNebraska does for our state,” said Haney. “Nature is the last thing that gets attention in our society, but it’s the one thing that truly binds us all.”

From Seed to Sale: A Day in the Life of Plant Production

Growing plants takes more than sowing seeds and waiting for them to sprout. Depending on the plant, seeds may need soaking or scarification to soften their hard outer coating. After sowing, some require up to 90 days of “cold stratification”—time in the fridge—to mimic winter dormancy. Once seedlings emerge, they’re thinned and transplanted into larger pots, sometimes more than once as they grow. Then comes the ongoing care: consistent watering and proper light and temperature regulation in the greenhouse. Finally, we label every pot and add a plant card to each flat, giving shoppers the information they need to choose the right plant. Only then are they ready for sale!



Growing Community



Community is at the heart of everything we do at PlantNebraska. We partner with people all across Nebraska to help make places that are beautiful, resilient and life-giving for the human beings and creatures that call those places home. We also strive to create shared experiences that bring people together to enjoy their natural surroundings and learn about ways they can help their environment thrive. Simply put, plant people are our favorite people! Here are some of the ways we connected with Nebraskans this year:

Wildflower Week in Western Nebraska

Wildflower Week is an opportunity to shine the spotlight on one of Nebraska's most important but often overlooked ecological treasures: our wildflowers. PlantNebraska hosted seven public events in Chadron, Harrison, Scottsbluff and Gering, including guided hikes at Gilbert Baker Wildlife Management Area and Scotts Bluff National Monument, two plant sales, a pollinator garden planting and a social event with a rousing game of tree-via.

Garden Walks in Lincoln & Omaha

This year's Garden Walks in Lincoln and Omaha attracted record attendance, with nearly 400 visitors exploring the 17 gardens on the tours. The Walks present a wonderful opportunity for gardeners to glean inspiration and ideas and for homeowners to showcase the fruits of their labor.

"I was thrilled to meet so many gardeners who were interested in what I was growing in my yard," said Lincoln host Bonnie Bake. "I didn't expect it to be so enjoyable!"





New Affiliate Sites

RIVERSIDE DISCOVERY CENTER

SCOTTSBLUFF

Riverside Discovery Center in Scottsbluff was reaccredited as an arboretum in the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum network in June. This reaccreditation affirms the Center's commitment to conservation, education and the presevation of plant diversity in western Nebraska.

"We could not be prouder to be welcomed back into the fold as one of the newest arboretums within the PlantNebraska family," said Riverside Discovery Center Executive Director Kei Hodgson.



ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH

OMAHA

St. Leo the Great Church in Omaha joined the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum as a Landscape Steward site in June. With hundreds of perennials and 24 trees, plus restful contemplative spots, the pollinator garden is a welcome respite for church members and community visitors.

The garden, which was made possible in part by two PlantNebraska Greener Towns grants, has been a labor of love for curator Annette Langan. "Never in my wildest dreams would I have envisioned this," she said. "over the last several years I have witnessed so many people coming down to the garden to enjoy nature and reflect. This is a place for everyone."



RALPH STEYER PARK & BLACK ELK-NEIHARDT PARK

BLAIR

Ralph Steyer Park, established in 1951, and Black Elk-Neihardt Park, established in 1975, rejoined the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum network in February as a Landscape Steward Site. Together the two parks comprise 100 acres of rolling hills, diverse tree species and recreational spaces for hiking, picnicking, disc golf and swimming. A focal point of Black Elk-Neihardt Park is the Tower of the Four Winds sculpture, which honors the legendary Lakota spiritual leader.



SOUTH PLATTE NRD

SIDNEY

South Platte NRD in Sidney joined the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum network in February as a Landscape Steward Site. Featuring an impressive array of species, including several specialized cultivars rarely found in the surrounding area, the site offers a unique educational experience for visitors who are interested in expanding their horticultural knowledge.

By the Numbers

26 Accredited Arboretums

80 Landscape Steward Sites

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Arbor Lodge State Historical Park
Arrowhead Gardens Arboretum
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Bassett Memorial Park & Nature Trail
Beatrice High School Arboretum
Beatrice Public Library Arboretum
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Berried Treasures Arboretum
CABG Patch
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Jim Kluck Memorial Railside Arboretum
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Metropolitan Community College Arboretum
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Minden Community Arboretum
Missouri River Basin Lewis & Clark Center
NCTA - Ag Hall Arboretum
Nebraska State Capitol Arboretum
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Pioneers Park Nature Center
Prairie Loft Center for Outdoor Learning
Prairie Song Arboretum
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Sallows Conservatory & Arboretum
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Scottsbluff Downtown Gardens Arboretum
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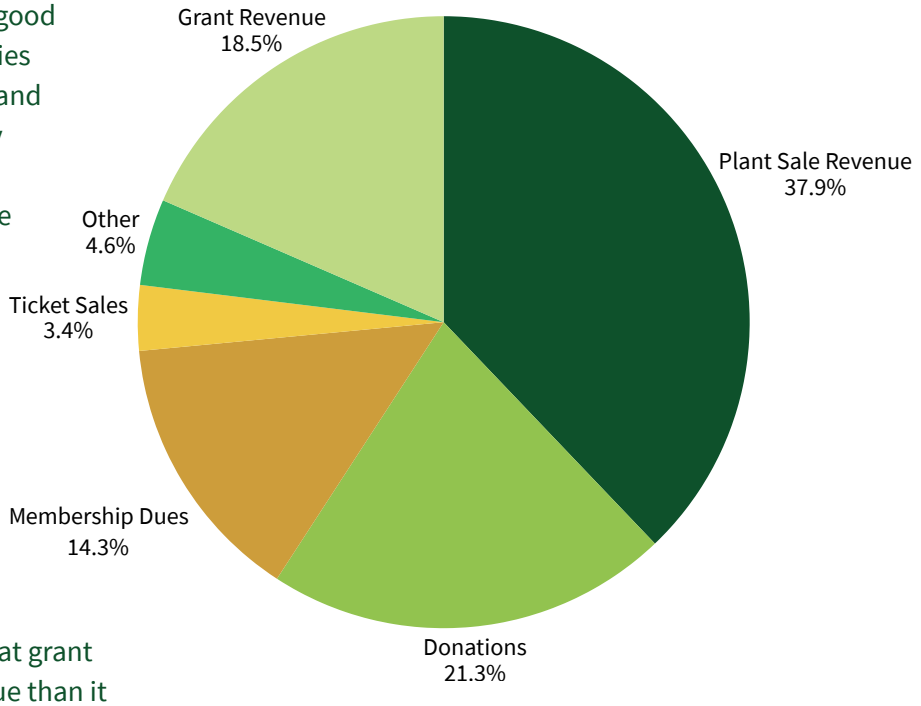
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FY 2026 Financial Overview

Thank you to all of our members, donors, sponsors, grantors and other supporters who have trusted us with your hard-earned dollars. We truly believe we've put them to good use as we seek to grow trees, plants and communities throughout Nebraska. Just like every other person and organization, we've been hit hard in the last year by rising prices, especially health insurance costs and general supplies. To help us respond to this increase in costs, we made the decision to slightly raise membership prices as memberships renew in 2026-2027. We appreciate your understanding and continued support!

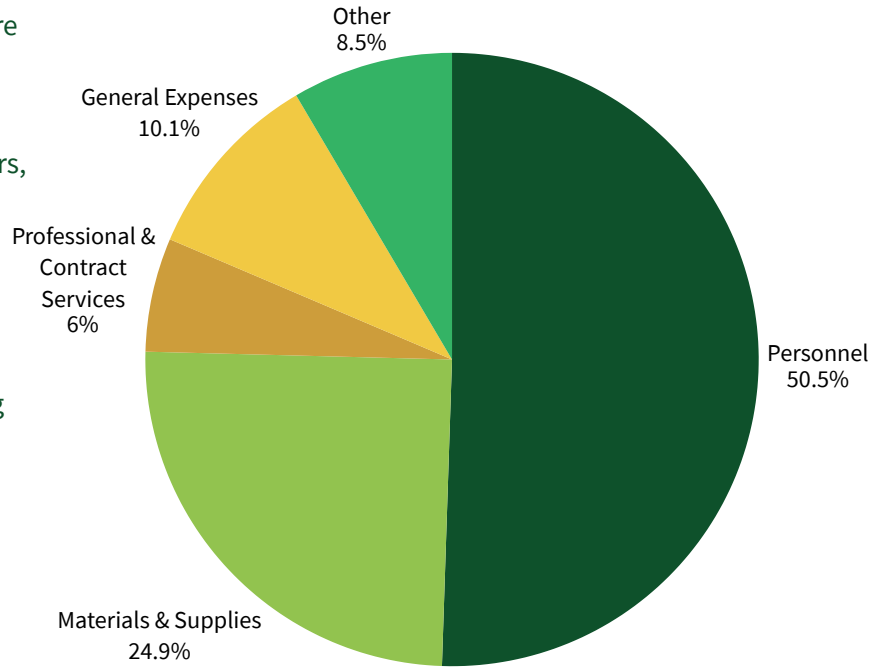
A note: This report does not reflect revenue and expenses from the $10 million US Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) grant. That grant is fiscally managed by UNL, and thus the funds do not show up in our reports.

FY 2026 Revenue



Revenue: The biggest change you will see here is that grant revenue continues to be a smaller portion of revenue than it has in the past. As we have noted in previous annual reports, that is due in part to changing rules and priorities at the Nebraska Environmental Trust and to our growing revenue in other areas. As we continue to make adjustments, we are getting to a more fiscally healthy split between grants, donations and earned income.

FY 2026 Expenses



Expenses: Again, as we have mentioned in previous years, our expenses remain more consistently split and in line with what is to be expected of an organization such as ours. Materials and supplies consist of all greenhouse and plant supplies, including Spring Affair and purchases for grants. Professional and contract services consist of our accounting and auditing firm fees as well as one-off consultants we require from time to time.

Grants in Progress in FY2026

Nebraska Environmental Trust
Trees for Nebraska Towns, 3-year grant
Year 1: $85,800.00

Nebraska Environmental Trust
Greener Nebraska Town, 1-year grant
Total: $49,649.24

Stanley Smith Horticultural Fund
Horticulture Intern Support
Total: $20,000

U.S. Forest Service UCF Grant
5-year grant (ending 2029)
Total: $10,000,000

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