Greener Towns

The Guadalupe Center Pollinator Garden was created with several goals in mind: beauty, stormwater capture, education and habitat. The east parking lot island was expanded and excavated to house the garden, with underground pipes channeling roof stormwater to the sunken portion. Irrigation was diverted from the existing sprinkler system, and everything was converted to drip irrigation. Most plants were purchased from NSA directly or through the Bloom Box program, with others transplanted from existing pollinator gardens and grown by seed. Cooperation with lots of government agencies and third parties helped get all the work done in a timely manner, especially Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, the City of Scottsbluff, and Benjamin Rodriguez Construction.

What we learned

1. Any piece of ground can be made into fertile soil.
2. Making fertile soil is a lot more work that you think.
3. Things are more expensive than you presume.

Who’s involved & costs

- City of Scottsbluff
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
- Guadalupe Recreation Center
- Nebraska Forest System
- North Platte NRD
- Benjamin Rodriguez Construction

$3,913 Paid by Greener Towns
$832 Paid by Other Grants
$6,413 Paid Locally
$11,159 Donated Time/Goods

Project Value

Picture of the garden bed alongside the building after planting in May of 2017.

Before and after comparison of the parking lot.