Designing a more Beautiful Lincoln

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What is Lincoln Parks & Recreation

- More than 125 Parks
- 131 miles of trails
- 7 Recreation Centers
- 5 Golf Courses
- 85 Playgrounds
- 2 Skateparks
- 9 Pools
- 11 Display Fountains
- 24 Lighted Ball Fields
- 9.5 Acres of Play Courts
- 220 Buildings
- 55 Acres of Parking Lots
- 11 Miles of Park Roads
- 32 Miles of Park Walkways
- 135,000 Public Trees
- 40 Public Artworks
Rich History of Public Spaces
Objective

- To provide a rich variety of display gardens, landscape styles and plant materials for the enjoyment and education of local, regional and international visitors. Including the opportunity to learn about the significant historical, cultural and ecological roles such landscapes play in the community.
Stewardship
# Diversity

Approved Trees for Streets

Portion June 2013

Trees Organized by Size

| Large Trees (40+ ft - 70+)
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http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/parks/CommunityForestry/trees.htm
Collaboration of Design

Consultants

Staff Members

Neighborhood Associations
Collaboration of Funding

Public

Corporate

Private
Collaboration of Volunteers

The Big Idea has a BIG Impact!
Saturday, April 25th, Mahoney Park

Boyscouts

Neighborhood Associations

Master Gardeners
Designing a more Beautiful Lincoln Tour
Over 35,000 annuals are planted by volunteers on a yearly basis.

Water Gardens include a mix of hardy & tropical lilies, papyrus, Black Taro, Water Iris, Lotus, Arrowheads, Anacharis, Water lettuce.

Over 8,000 spring bulbs are planted each fall.

Perennial Gardens include: English Border Garden, Shade garden and White Garden.

Shrub Collection includes rhododendrons, azaleas, hydrangeas and viburnums.

Over 100 new trees were planted when the garden was renovated in 2005.

Named one of the best 300 Gardens to visit in North America by National Geographic.
Hamann Rose Garden

- Includes over 100 varieties of roses including Floribunda, Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora.
- Additional roses include Mini roses and climbers.
- Traditional knot garden plants including boxwood, barberry and juniper.
Scabiosa ‘Butterfly Blue’ & Bumble Bee

Sargent Crabapple with Tulip Clusiana

Rose hips provide winter interest
The “Joy” Fountain is the focal point of the formal rose garden with custom tiles depicting an arts and crafts inspired rose.
Informal garden with emphasis on pairing roses with compatible ornamental grasses and perennials.

Layout of garden begins with English boarder style on the west and works into Nebraska style to the east.

Series of roses groupings include easy elegance, Canadian parkland, modern, drift, knockout, meidiland, buck and rugose.

A labyrinth located in the turf area is the design of a rose.

More than 50 varieties of perennials and grasses are located throughout the garden.
Miscanthus ‘Purpurascens’

Aster novae-angliae ‘Purple Dome’

Solidago sp. ‘Wichita Mountains’
Prairie inspired combinations

Monarchs really do like butterfly bush

The mixing of natives and non-natives
Iris sibirica ‘Caesar’s Brother’

Baptisia ‘Solar Flare’

Aster Novi-Belgii ‘Magic Purple’
Hazel Abel Park

- Victorian inspired park located in the Near South Neighborhood.
- Original design inspired by a visit to Central Park, NY by Alice Abel.
- Park dedicated to Hazel Abel, mother of Alice and Nebraska’s first elected woman senator in 1954.
- Emphasis on white with hydrangea hedge, white roses and viburnum.
- Checkerboard playground adds whimsy to the more serious elements of the park.
- Popular spot for senior pictures and weddings.
Hydrangea arborescens ‘Incrediball’

Narcissus ‘Mount Hood’

The golden leaves of the Ginkgo biloba
Government Square Park

- Small urban park located at 10th & O Streets.
- Reminiscent of original park on the corner that featured an artesian well.
- Fountain design includes replicas of the corn and mile maidens once featured in the old Comhusker Hotel.
- Purple is the dominant color because of its association with justice and regalness.
Rosa ‘Midnight Blue’

Allium paired with Sykes Oakleaf Hydrangea

Heuchera ‘Brownies’
Holmes Lake Golf Clubhouse

- Landscape inspired by the architecture of the clubhouse
- Contrast to the manicured green lawn
- Incorporate plants attractive to pollinators in large swaths
- Low maintenance and low water requirements
Bouteloua gracilis 'Blond Ambition'
Aster oblongifolius 'Raydon’s Favorite'
Schizachyrium scoparium ‘Blaze’
Located at the Parks & Recreation Admin. Building

Three different rain gardens with different planting concepts.

Incorporates native and native like plant materials to accomplish the benefits of slowing and filtering storm water runoff.
Shawnee Brave Baldcypress (Taxodium distichum ‘Shawnee Brave’)

Mongolian Gem Allium (Allium ‘Mongolian Gem’)

Limelight Hydrangea (Hydrangea paniculata ‘Limelight’)

Rain Garden using native grasses and sedges
False Indigo (Baptisia australis)
Little Lemon Goldenrod (Solidago ‘Dansolitlem’ Little Lemon)
Six acre urban park located north of “O” Street between 21st and 22nd streets

Part of roadway & stormwater improvement project of Antelope Valley

Public & Privately funded

Offers one of the areas largest collections of native plants

Recent addition includes a 20,000 sq. ft. pollinator garden focusing on milkweed.
Nekan Pitcher Sage (Salvia azurea)  Missouri Primrose (Oenothera missouriensis)  Rattlesnake Master (Eryngium yuccifolium)
Purple Prairie Clover (Dalea purpurea)  Buttonbush (Cephalanthus occidentalis)  Bee Balm (Monarda sp.)
Butterfly Milkweed (Asclepias tuberosa)

Swamp Milkweed (Asclepias incarnate)

Cinderella Milkweed (Asclepias incarnate ‘Cinderella’)
Purple Coneflower (Echinacea purpurea)  False Sunflower (Heliopsis helianthus)  Sky Blue Aster (Aster oolentangiensis)
When completed, this garden will provide a vibrant habitat for declining pollinators like bees, butterflies, and beetles. In turn, these insects will play a critical role in the reproduction process of flowers and other plant types in and around the garden.
New Park Development

Prairie in the Park

Prairiegrass Mixture (Prairie 3 Plus Prairie Grass)

- Blue Grama
- Little Bluestem
- Big Bluestem
- Blue Grama sod
- Blue Grama sod

- Adapted to short and mid-length, warm-season grasses that are beneficial for landscaping, wildlife habitat, and erosion control.
- The plants range in height from 1" - 2" making Buffalo grass being the shortest.
- The grass provides green color in the fall while the plants change to beautiful red and golden hues in the fall and winter.

Wildflower Mixture (Pioneer Wildflower Mix)

- Anemone occidentalis
- Dahlia
- Echinacea purpurea
- Gaillardia aristata
- Helenium autumnale
- Liatris spicata

- Wildflowers selected for their adaptation to poor soil in areas of low to moderate rainfall.
- Combination of annuals, biennials, and perennials extend the season of blooming and continual change in color.
- Height ranges from 24" - 36"
Pioneers Park

- 668 acres of tallgrass prairie, woodlands, wetlands and a stream
- The Nature Center has served Lincoln as an environmental education center and wildlife sanctuary since 1963.
- Eight miles of hiking trails.
- Native Plant Collections in gardens as well as in virgin prairie.
Conservation Areas

- Highlands South
- Shoemaker Marsh
- King Saline Wetlands
- Pioneers Park Nature Center
- Wilderness Park
Tower Square

- An 18,000 square foot park highland by a 57’ tall, internally illuminated multicolor column, known as Ascent Tower by artist Jun Kaneko.

- The entire space was designed by Jun Kaneko and thought of as one giant art piece inspired by Japanese sand gardens.

- Minimalistic plantings include sedges and native grasses, Golden Rain Tree, Honeylocust, Taylor Juniper and Columnar White Pine.
Centennial Mall

- Originally built in 1967 - it serves as a public gathering space between Nebraska’s State Capital and the University of Nebraska
- Upgrade in fountains, pavement and landscaping.
- Incorporates “green” strategies for storm water management, energy use and natural resource utilization.
Includes pavement repairs and streetscape enhancements along W. Adams Street, NW 12th Street, W. Comhusker Highway and 9th/10th Streets at S

- Over 800 new trees will be planted
- Over 50,000 native perennials, grasses, and forbs.
- Street tree and planting areas are irrigated
- Art Components
- Welcoming Banners
QUESTIONS?

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