

Impact Story

Blessed by New Trees at the Indian Center in Lincoln



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PlantNebraska staff participated in a tree blessing ceremony with indigenous elders at the Indian Center in Lincoln to celebrate the 90 trees that will be planted on the grounds there as part of a two-year tree canopy restoration project. The project is part of a PlantNebraska urban and community forestry grant that enabled the center to remove 40 diseased and dying trees that were a hazard at the ceremony grounds and replace them with 90 new trees and shrubs, including several, like serviceberry and chokecherry, that are culturally important to the indigenous community.

"For every tree we had to take down, we are putting two in its place," said Gabriel Barea of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, who was hired as part of the grant to oversee the landscape restoration project. "We are glad to put in trees that are both important to our indigenous community here and that will benefit our four-legged family members and the birds and the bees."

Congratulations to the Indian Center for a beautiful project that will bless the community and the earth for decades to come.



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