

Impact Story

All Hands on Deck

Rose Hill Elementary School, Omaha



Students, teachers and PTO volunteers join forces to create an outdoors space where students can thrive.

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 and prairie-style landscape filled with more than 350 perennials, shrubs and grasses.

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. The space will give students an opportunity to get into a garden, learn about native plants and take pride in their school grounds.

“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.”

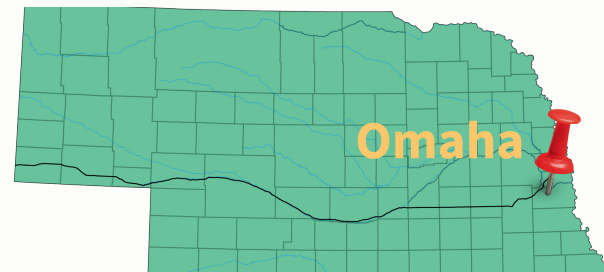
By the Numbers

Square footage: 3,300

Volunteers: 300

Plants in the ground:
364

Project value: \$4,272



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