

23 East 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Scottsbluff, Nebraska

## The project

The City of Scottsbluff has been working diligently over the past few years to make Downtown a more sustainable environment. Located along Broadway, the focus of this project was a **parking lot** and two buildings removed to create a gathering space for events, with other planted areas further down the corridor. While it is the City's goal to create a comfortable space for people, it is equally important to showcase water conservation, stormwater management, and overall sustainability. The focus is on native and well-adapted plants that require minimal irrigation, and on proper soil management. Compost and wood mulch are used to add organic material and build the soil over time. Large shade trees will help cool the area and assist with carbon capture. Planting beds are large enough to give these trees plenty of rooting space for long-term success.

## What we learned

- Communication between partners is key to balance the needs and wants of each.
- Planning, planning, planning. Think through logistics.
- Right people, right way. Find the person or organization that can help you reach a goal.





Goldsturm Black-eyed Susar Rudbeckia fulgida





Bouteloua gracilis







Juniperus scopulorum

## Who's involved & costs

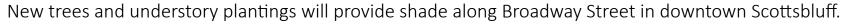
- City of Scottsbluff (Public Works)
- Nebraska Forest Service
- Neighborhood Volunteers
- Peaceful Prairie Nursery

\$25,258 PAID BY GREENER TOWNS PAID BY OTHER GRANTS

PAID LOCALLY

DONATED TIME/GOODS

PROJECT VALUE





Scottsbluff started implementing a series of green infrastructure projects in 2009 to utlize the city's stormwater.

## Scottsbluff Downtown Streets and Plaza

GREENER TOWNS





\$21,441

<u>\$ 4,724</u>

\$51,423







