

Impact Story

Reflecting the History of a Place

Denton Community Historical Society



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A small but determined group of volunteers transitioned the turfgrass lawn in front of the Denton Community Historical Society into a prairie-inspired landscape featuring native perennials, grasses and trees. Funded through a Greener Towns grant, the project also includes a natural lawn mix of clover, yarrow and fescue designed to reduce long-term water use and maintenance.

The Historical Society planting was designed to complement another Greener Towns project across the street at the Denton Community Center, which had recently installed a pollinator garden around the flagpole near the entrance and shrubs along the building foundation.

“We wanted the landscape to reflect the history of this place before settlement, when this area was prairie,” said lead volunteer Jane Reinkordt. “This grant helped us tremendously, especially through the expertise of the PlantNebraska staff,” she added. “We hadn’t considered trees in the design, and now the bur oak is my favorite part of the landscape.”

By the Numbers

Square Footage: 26,140

Plants: 212; trees: 2

Total Project Value: \$2,495

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