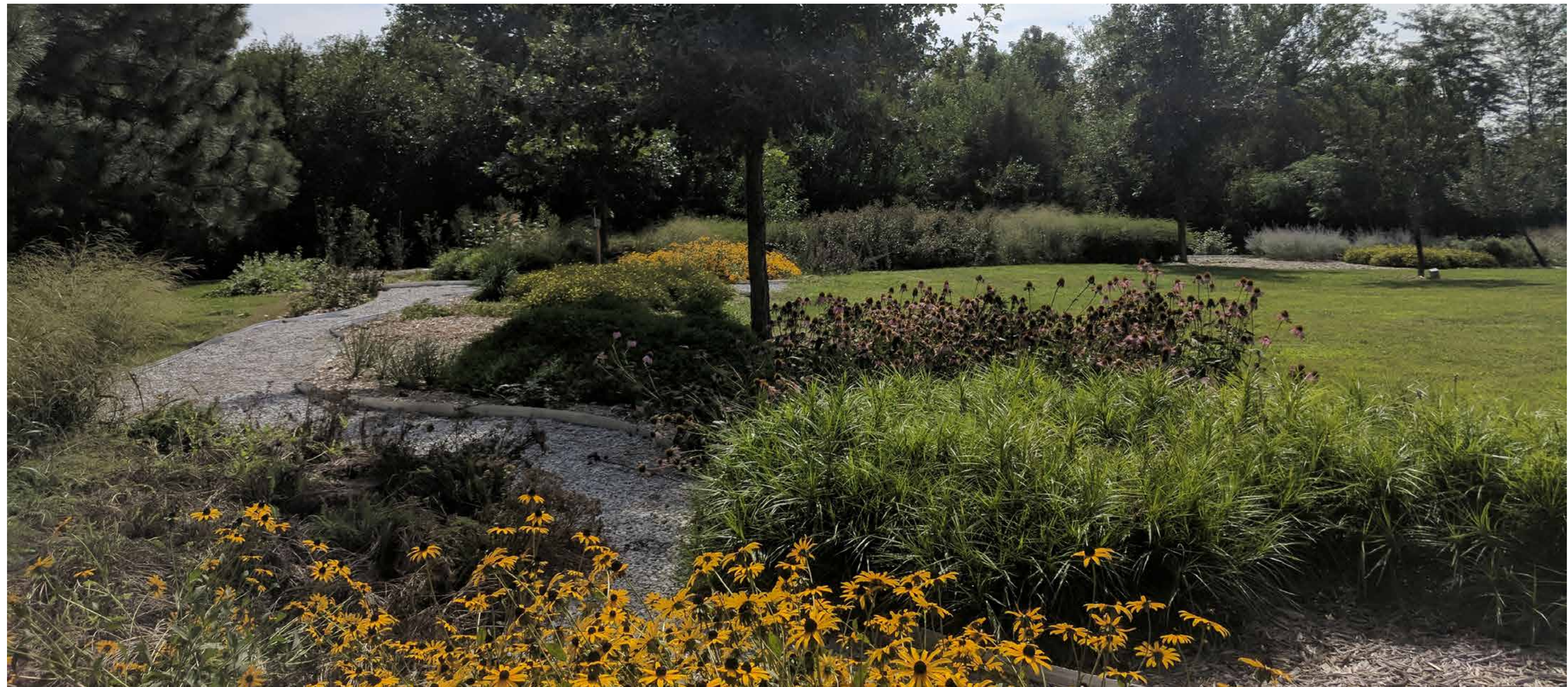


Columbus

4500 63th Street, Columbus, Nebraska

The project

Central Community College, Columbus received Greener Towns funding for us to plant a pollinator garden next to our teaching orchard. Our goal is to showcase the relationship between **pollinators and the food we eat**. The garden also protects trees that are part of our arboretum by getting them out of the lawn and into landscape beds. The garden is about 9,000 square feet and we have room to expand for future ideas. We planted 1,460 plants and shrubs in August of 2017. The Nebraska Statewide Arboretum did much of the design and helped with plant selection for the garden. We plan to utilize the garden as a **learning lab** for community education, college environmental sustainability, science education, agriculture, and other partnerships.



Picture of volunteers during the planting of the project, in August of 2017.

What we learned

- 1 It takes many committed partners to make a project like this happen.
- 2 Plants are in, but the real work is just beginning.
- 3 We're seeing a change in culture about how to manage lawn and landscapes.



Threadleaf Coreopsis
Coreopsis verticillata



Meadow Blazing Star
Liatris ligulistylis



Switchgrass
Panicum virgatum



Pasque Flower
Pulsatilla patens

Who's involved & costs

- Central Community College
- Columbus Master Gardener's
- Nebraska Forest Service
- Nebraska Statewide Arboretum
- University of Nebraska Extension

\$9,300	PAID BY GREENER TOWNS
\$--	PAID BY OTHER GRANTS
\$--	PAID LOCALLY
<u>\$10,304</u>	DONATED TIME/GOODS
\$19,604	PROJECT VALUE



Before and after comparison of the pollinator garden.

CCC Columbus Pollinator Garden

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