PRAIRIE CORRIDOR ON HAINES BRANCH

"As I looked about me I felt that the grass was the country, as the water is the sea. The red of the grass made all the great prairie the colour of winestains, or of certain seaweeds when they are first washed up. And there was so much motion in it; the whole country seemed, somehow, to be running."
~ Willa Cather, My Ántonia

First conceptualized as part of the Lincoln-Lancaster County 2040 Comprehensive Plan, the Prairie Corridor is a tallgrass prairie passage and trail that will build on our nationally recognized trail and greenway system and link two of Lincoln and Lancaster County's premier environmental resource and education centers. It will follow the Haines Branch of Salt Creek from the Pioneers Park Nature Center, to the Conestoga Lake State Recreation Area, extend south through the Village of Denton and on to the Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center.

The Prairie Corridor project celebrates our natural heritage and will be a legacy for future generations. It is being implemented by a public-private partnership, with majority of funds coming from grants and private donations.

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TRAIL & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

The Prairie Corridor will support economic development by celebrating the natural heritage of the "Prairie Capital" with a unique tallgrass prairie experience easily accessible from I-80. The trail will link to the area's nationally recognized trail system and provide a 20-mile roundtrip trail ride that will encourage visitors to "linger longer" in Lincoln.

CONSERVATION & HABITAT

Less than 1% of tallgrass prairie once found in the US remains today, and native pollinators are declining at an alarming rate that is receiving national attention. By preserving and reestablishing prairie and other natural areas, the Corridor will provide important habitat for a wide variety of wildlife, preserving Nebraska's heritage and ensuring future generations will be able to experience it.

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

The Pioneers Park Nature Center and Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center provide unique educational experiences to tens of thousands of visitors of all ages each year.
The Prairie Corridor will build on these programs and will help increase the knowledge base regarding pollinator species and tallgrass prairie diversity through research led by the UNL School of Natural Resources.

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SPRING CREEK PRAIRIE AUDUBON CENTER

Established in 1998 and encompassing 850 acres of virgin and restored tallgrass prairie, SCPAC offers family nature programming and other opportunities to experience the tallgrass prairie in a beautiful setting at 11700 SW 100th Street, Denton, NE.

PIONEERS PARK NATURE CENTER

Situated on 668 acres of tallgrass prairie, woodlands, wetlands and riparian areas, PPNC offers interpretive displays, animal exhibits, 8 miles of trails, and programs such as preschool, nature camps, and school hikes at 3201 S. Coddington Ave, Lincoln, NE.