

Get Inspired

Experience the impact of clean air and pure water, the conservation of resources and wildlife, sustainable forestry and community improvement, and a renewed commitment to inspire future generations of tree planters and active environmental stewards.



“Never doubt that a small group of concerned citizens can change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

—Margaret Mead

Nebraska’s Unique Natural Resource Districts

NRDs help Nebraskans respond to natural resource challenges with local control and local solutions. Often, they build partnerships with other agencies and organizations, including the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission, and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources.

NRDs are unique to Nebraska, a state which has a long history of political innovation including the nonpartisan, single-house legislative and total public power. In the quarter century since they were created, NRDs have experienced tremendous growth in the responsibilities given to them by state statute, especially in protecting ground water and producing such long lasting results as dams, terraces, drainage ditches, windbreaks, reservoirs and recreational trails. With information, education and outreach efforts, NRDs also touch Nebraska’s future generations, the young people who will watch over the state’s resources in the 21st Century.

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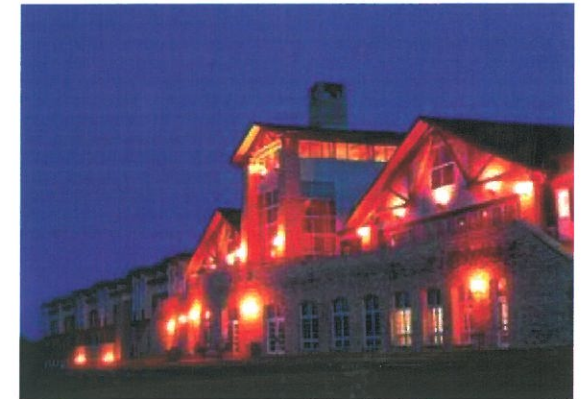
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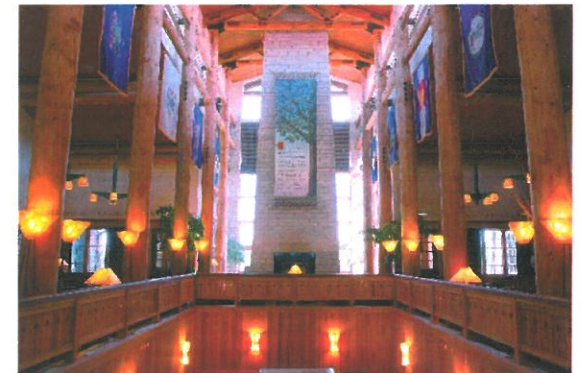
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Nebraska City, NE

The Birthplace of Arbor Day



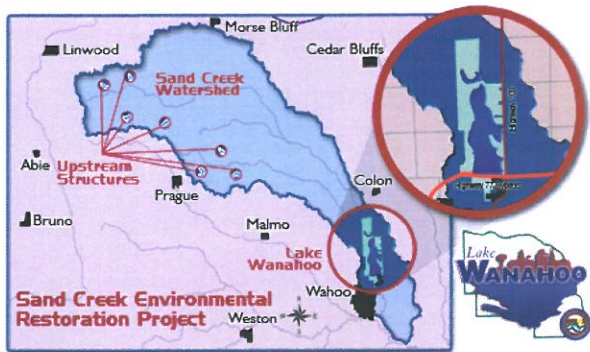
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WATER USE, HISTORIC SITES AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Lake Wanahoo

The Lake Wanahoo/Sand Creek Project began in the early 1990s as an effort to control severe flood problems on Sand and Wahoo creeks. Efforts to find solutions for the flood problems date back to at least the mid-1960s, and numerous reports and studies since then have confirmed the need for flood control in the area. However, little progress was made until 1993, when Wahoo, Saunders County, and the Lower Platte North



Natural Resource District began seriously investigating the possibility of constructing a large reservoir just north of Wahoo.



As the project progressed, it evolved into a broader-based watershed project focused on environmental restoration, with flood control and recreation as added benefits. Grand Opening for the new lake is scheduled for April 2012!

Nebraska's Rare Earth Metals

A new deposit of rare earth minerals found in Nebraska may reduce America's dependence on the foreign supply of these metals used in many modern gadgets. Elk Creek, Nebraska may be home to the world's largest untapped rare earth mineral deposit. These expensive and hard to mine minerals are very important to modern gadgets, and the discovery should mean less dependence on foreign supplies.

Early test drilling results show a major

presence of rare earth minerals as well as niobium awaiting development in rural Nebraska.

Niobium is a steel strengthener vital to aerospace and automotive industries. For automobile owners, niobium helps keep cars stay light and gas-efficient. The rare earth minerals are important because they are used in many TVs and laptops as well as in tablets, smartphones, laser pointers, disk drives, wind turbines and electric car batteries among other things.

Arbor Lodge:

The Home of Arbor Day

Arbor Lodge is a beautiful 52 room mansion built by J. Sterling Morton, the founder of Arbor Day. He was a newspaper man, a Territorial Governor, and Secretary of Agriculture under Grover Cleveland. His son Joy was head of the Morton Salt Company, son Paul was Secretary of the Navy under Teddy Roosevelt, and son Carl was founder of Argo Cornstarch.

