



# Planting Roots

The North Omaha Trail hosted a community tree planting in collaboration with Keep Omaha Beautiful. Heartland Bicycle provided free electric bikes for folks to ride on the trail. Fabric Lab partner Keiria Marsha brought the vibe with music. Community members came together and planted 175 trees along the trail.

**END OF YEAR  
2022**

## BEYOND THE STIGMA



Jonny Knogood Fabric Lab Fellow and founder of YesBlackMenRead hosted the Beyond the Stigma series free events centered around creating space for Black men to build connection, community, and constituency.

Blazing Star Seed Coop & Healing Roots African Diaspora Garden processed locally grown black eyed peas, mustard greens, okra, echinacea and other wildflower seeds to plant along the North Omaha Trail and stock the seed bank.



**SEED  
SOVEREIGNTY**

# Sharing Joy

For the second year in a row Fabric Lab Partner Preston Love Jr. collaborated with UNO's Athletic department and the NAACP of Omaha to give away toys during Christmas in the Village.



# North Omaha Trail Fellows



Dasia Horne is a North Omaha native and graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She is the founder and president of Well-Read Women of Omaha, a non-profit organization that promotes literacy in the greater Omaha area. Dasia enjoys creating space and events with a focus on connectivity and conversation



Jonny Knogood is a multi-hyphenated creative that resides in the intersection of art, education, and urban agriculture. He has been using his voice to bring awareness to social issues through various forms of artistry including music, creative writing, and experience design.



Ashley Knox is a creative director, community connector and creator. Her passion lies in bringing visions to life, highlighting the amazing talent and deeds of those working hard in her community and providing access and space for those around her to come together and flourish



# What They Are Saying About The North Omaha Trail



**"YOU'RE HEALING FAMILIES, YOU'RE HEALING GENERATIONS,  
YOU'RE HEALING COMMUNITIES."  
- CELESTE BUTLER, A NORTH OMAHA NATIVE AND ADVOCATE**

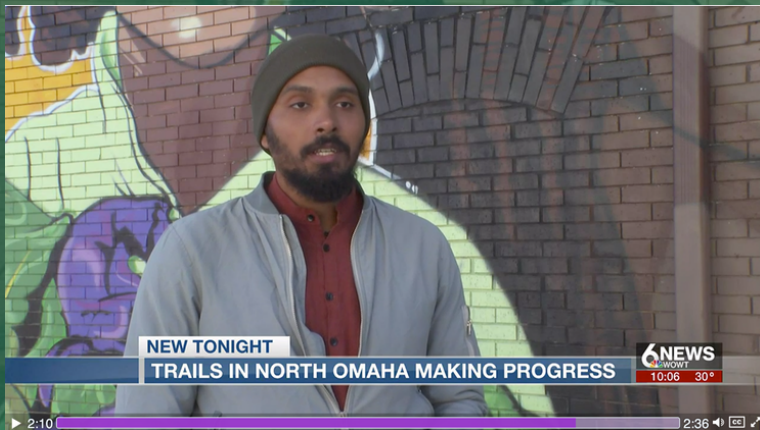
**The North Omaha Trail uses walking to heal the community and create housing**



**"ONE OF THE MAIN THEMES OF THE TRAIL IS TO  
CREATE AN ECOSYSTEM OF HEALTH AND HEALING,"  
COOK SAID ABOUT THE NORTH OMAHA TRAIL. "SO  
FROM WALKING AND RUNNING AND EXERCISE, AS FAR  
AS HEALTH AND HEALING; BUT ALSO TO SOME OTHER  
ASPECTS LIKE CONNECTING COMMUNITIES ALONG THE  
WAY."**

**-MANNE COOK, URBAN DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR,  
SPARK**

**Expansion of trail system through north Omaha making headway**



**"THIS PROJECT IS A STEP TOWARD CREATING AN ECOSYSTEM  
OF HEALTH AND HEALING IN THE COMMUNITY," SAID COOK.  
"THAT INCLUDES A LOT OF ASPECTS OF COMMUNITY, EVEN  
DAILY INTERACTIONS – WHEN YOU SEE PEOPLE, YOU GET TO  
KNOW THEM MORE."**

**-MANNE COOK, URBAN DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SPARK**

**North Omaha Trail seeks to connect, heal wounds of past**



# Coming Soon



The North Omaha trail is seeking artists from multiple disciplines to install public art along the trail. We are seeking artists from all genres. If you are interested sign-up for updates here



"Designing For Democracy investigates spatial infractions of democracy within the built environment, exploring the implicit relationship between architecture and society's most pressing challenges."



"The academy is designed to educate, support, and create a pipeline for leaders who understand holistic community development to bring positive change to redlined communities."



LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH