



# Press Release

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## Grants Will Help Fund Thompson Creek Improvements

The City of La Vista recently received two grants to fund the next phase of the Thompson Creek Watershed Project.

The City received a \$525,000 grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust and \$150,000 from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

The Nebraska Environmental Trust grant represents funding for the first year of the watershed restoration phases of the project, with the potential of funding for two additional years.

The project includes channel restoration efforts as the next step in an ongoing effort to stop erosion along the creek. For decades the banks of Thompson Creek have been eroding, creating health and safety hazards in the area. The stabilization work follows the voluntary buyout of homes along the Thompson Creek, which the City completed with funding from FEMA.

The funding from the Nebraska Environmental Trust and the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality will allow for design and construction work to stabilize the creek and water quality monitoring. Also included will be a variety of education and outreach programs, including several demonstration projects such as rain gardens and storm water filters.

The first year of the grant, which goes through June 30, 2014, includes the design of the stabilized creek and utility relocations. The second year will include the actual construction work, which will take place from the golf course to 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, generally along Park View Boulevard.

Throughout the stabilization work, the City's website and social media accounts will have the latest information, including photos, on the project's status. This information can be found at [www.cityoflavista.org/thompsoncreek](http://www.cityoflavista.org/thompsoncreek).

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