





As the Village Clerk/Treasurer and a resident of Oxford since 1968, I can't tell you how ***proud it makes me*** to see such a project such as the **CLEAR Park Pond** Project for the George R. Mitchell Park become a reality. Oxford is a small town in southwest Nebraska with a population of 779. We are constantly trying to pull our citizens together to make decisions that will have a ***positive effect on our community***. I believe our decision to move forward with the CLEAR project was one that will make our town more **attractive and appealing** for those families that we are trying to entice to make Oxford their home. For a rural community such as Oxford, the services we provide are almost more important than anything else we have to offer. For what we lack in commercial/industrial business, we more than make up with our **public amenities** such as the swimming pool, library, tennis court, golf course, baseball stadium, and of course, our PARKS. The improvement to our park pond will most definitely ***be an attraction*** to Oxford for many years to come.

Dawn Quinn

Village of Oxford

Our **pond restoration project** has been a *tremendous improvement* for the Village of Big Springs. We now have a **safe area** where many can share in the ***joy of fishing, picnicking and walking***. The area is in *constant use* now by young and old alike – and we thank Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality for their help in **making this project a reality!**

Susan McGreer

Village of Big Springs

“As an elementary school science teacher, it has been so neat to have access to an **outdoor classroom like Humphreys Pond**. We’ve studied the **creatures that live** in Humphreys Pond, and students have learned what a **healthy aquatic ecosystem** looks like. I’ve also participated in water safety instruction at Humphreys Pond, which is another great utilization of the pond. **What a neat project!**”

Mary Jensen

5th Grade Teacher, Ogallala Elementary School

“The finalized project has been **completely embraced** by the **Ogallala community**, and it is now being **utilized to an extent beyond what I had hoped for**. The fish and other aquatic life are thriving. We’ve seen a return of waterfowl and other wildlife to the pond. **Children are flocking to the pond for wholesome activities**, and parents and grandparents are **spending hours and hours** with their young people there. Groups ranging from the Ogallala Optimist Club, to the Girl Scouts, to the Middle School Nature Club, to the Nebraska Game and Parks are **finding all sorts of uses for the property**. Several local schools have adopted components of the pond into their curriculum. The successful completion of this renovation project really couldn’t have been more impactful.”

Andrew Krab, Adams Bank and Trust

