

## **OHF FINAL REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Project Number: 011-125

Recipient: Jamestown Parks & Recreation Foundation

Award Amount: \$33,000

Total Project Costs: \$60,260

Total OHF Funds Received: \$29,700



### **Goal of Project:**

The expected goal of this project was to develop an underdeveloped park area into an aesthetically pleasing sensory garden. This project would provide Jamestown, ND, the surrounding communities and the entire state the opportunity to enjoy this unique area with a walking path, benches, varieties of plants and trees, water feature, boardwalk with deck, accessible to all. This area now provides educational opportunities, with plantings that are labeled, which can be touched, tasted and smelled.

### **Work Accomplished:**

All goals have been accomplished, concrete walkway installed, all perennials planted, planters with sensory options planted the past 2 years, picnic tables added with handicap accessibility, benches, water feature completed summer of 2020, 15 trees planted, electricity and water brought into the area with a sprinkler system added. Peace Pole and Little library also installed.

### **Project Results:**

The project has been embraced by the community and surrounding area. Our Two River Activity Center now has held YOGA classes in front of the water feature on numerous occasions. The TRAC youth center takes daily walks to the park with the pre-school children and has lunch there. The Anne Carlsen Center frequently takes their students on trips to the park.

### **Value to North Dakota:**

It is a unique development to North Dakota. The website [www.naturefortheblind.com/directory-redirectory](http://www.naturefortheblind.com/directory-redirectory) has trail & parks listed by state. Solien-DeNault Sensory Trail is the only one listed for North Dakota. Not only is Solien-DeNault the only one listed in ND there are only 36 of 50 states that even have a trail/sensory park.

### **Jamestown Sun article:**

"Denise Jensen, activity coordinator for the Anne Carlsen Center, said the Sensory Garden not only serves as an educational space for students and a calming place for adults to spend time, it also is an example of what a park experience can be.

"I think it brings awareness of what we need in parks," she said. "... it brings the awareness of inclusion in the parks."