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THE NAUTILUS

The Nautilus—the name for our newsletter, is the focal design element in The Clark Enersen Partners' logo. It represents a mathematical ratio that can be found in nature, as seen in the shell's structure. This ratio is closely related to the Fibonacci Sequence and is known as the Golden Ratio, which describes an intuitive, natural balance between two proportions. The external circular shape of the nautilus shell represents wholeness, but its continuous motion—an infinite spiral—empowers and inspires future growth and change. Internally, the cross-section depicts how all pieces seamlessly fit together in meaningful partnership. Collectively, as one, that's The Clark Enersen Partners. In everything we do, we strive to empower and inspire through partnership in thoughtful design.



UNION PLAZA

Lincoln, Nebraska



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ENSURING VITALITY THROUGH THE CREATION OF SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY RESOURCES

As we enter the summer season, we're reflecting upon recent achievements in enhancing urban environments that promote vitality to our community through the revitalization of natural resources. Among these is the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved delisting of Antelope Creek in Lincoln, Nebraska. The creek was removed from the Impaired Waters list for E.coli after the implementation of a comprehensive watershed management plan that was developed through 20 years of collaborative efforts with multiple partners and projects. This delisting demonstrates how multiple partners came together to significantly improve water quality in Antelope Creek and the quality of life in the surrounding community.

The Clark Enersen Partners was proud to be a part of this collaborative partnership. In total, only 90 creeks in the nation share a success story like Antelope Creek's. One of our many projects that led to the delisting included the six-acre Union Plaza park in Downtown Lincoln adjacent to Antelope Creek. This section of Antelope Creek had previously been redirected and piped underground which restricted the flow and led to flooding in other parts of the City. The Antelope Valley project and Union Plaza brought this water back up to the surface, albeit not in its original location due to existing infrastructure. The park features connecting trails into the City's existing system, public art, fountains, plazas, an overlook, an amphitheater, and the Jane Snyder Trails Center. We also designed part of the Antelope Valley Flood Control project which also included road improvements and community revitalization.

Union Plaza has many sustainable elements such as water-conserving nozzles, LED lights in the fountains, and photovoltaic cells to power the Trails Center. In addition, both Union Plaza and our design of the Assurity Corporate Campus utilize water-conscious plant material, permeable pavers, bioretention cells to capture and clean stormwater run-off, and an innovative cistern system which reuses an abandoned storm sewer on Assurity's property—all of which contribute to lowering E.coli levels in Antelope Creek. Some of our other projects with innovative stormwater management designs that contributed to the delisting include P Street Streetscape, Folsom Children's Zoo Improvements, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Love Library North Plaza, Nebraska Innovation Campus, Centennial Mall, and the Telegraph District.

Our firm was co-founded by a nationally renowned landscape architect and architect 74 years ago. As a result, we have long recognized and valued the symbiotic relationship between the natural and built environment. Taking it a step further, our in-house capabilities in landscape architecture, architecture, civil engineering, and mechanical, electrical, and structural engineering allow us to approach landscape architecture and site planning and design with our unique process. "Integrated Sustainability" blends science and design to preserve our environment while improving the visual character of our communities. Through our multi-disciplinary staff, we are able to create sustainable and aesthetically pleasing design solutions in areas such as stormwater management, planting plans, and open green space design. When done correctly, Integrated Sustainability can be beneficial to public health and welfare while fostering opportunities to better understand and treasure the history and identity of a community—creating a lifetime of memories.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



ERIC PAVEY LEED AP
Construction Administrator, Associate Principal

Q: HOW HAS THE FIRM IMPACTED YOUR LIFE?

A: After 19 years of keeping me gainfully employed, I'm pretty sure I would have starved to death without the firm by now. But seriously, the firm is like family to me. I've learned a ton since I've started.

Q: LAST BOOK YOU READ?

A: I just finished *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho and loved it. Everyone should read it, it's a fable about following your dream.



DAN WROBLEWSKI PE
Electrical Engineer, Associate

Q: WHO IS SOMEONE IMPORTANT THAT HAS IMPACTED YOUR LIFE?

A: At my first job out of college I was fortunate enough to have been assigned a mentor, who not only helped me through my day to day activities but also helped me create a career path that has guided me all the way to where I am now. I hope everyone can find a mentor like I did, someone to speak freely with about one's ambitions, goals, successes, and failures.

Q: FAVORITE PLACE TO VISIT/BEST VACATION?

A: My best vacation was a summer long hike on the Pacific Crest Trail. 5½ months of nature, camping, and junk food!



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