



Botanical Garden *of the* Piedmont

We'll grow together

BGP Mission, Vision, & Inclusion Statements



The Mission: To invite all community members and visitors to engage in nature, to educate and inspire through the beauty and importance of plants, to advance sustainability and promote human and environmental well-being.

The Vision:

Create and maintain the garden designed to unite plants natural to our region with appropriate architecture and landscape design.

Provide access to the garden and its natural spaces for exploration, observation, and restoration.

Present affordable, engaging programming to provide educational and inspirational experiences for all ages.

Commit to inclusion, excellence, and upstanding management while maintaining a positive impact on the eco-system and our community.

Inclusion Statement:

The Botanical Garden of the Piedmont brings people of all ages and backgrounds together as a community to celebrate and nurture our native flora and fauna. BGP embraces inclusion by inviting everyone to participate in the Garden whether they be visitors, supporters, volunteers, or staff, to further our goal of being a place that promotes human and environmental well-being. In nature and in society, diversity matters—we welcome and celebrate it!

The Location



The Site



Former Garden Boundary (8.5 acres)

Current Garden Boundary (14.74 acres)



“By resolution of the Charlottesville City Council, McIntire Botanical Garden, Inc. (now Botanical Garden of the Piedmont) is the sole private partner to develop the 8.5 acre (now 14.74 acres) botanical garden in McIntire Park East.”

- September 2013



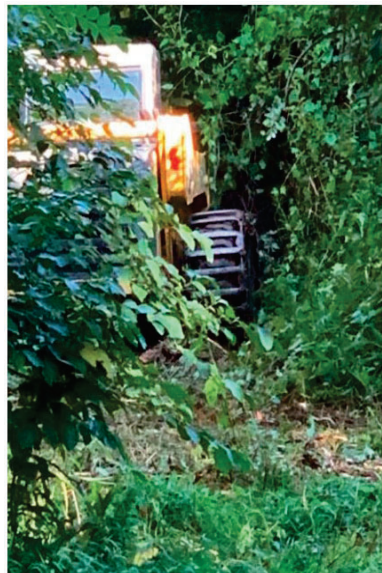
Revised Schematic Plan



Where We Started



Trash and Invasive Plant Removal began in July 2019



Thanks to a grant from the *Bama Works Fund of Dave Matthews at the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation*, we were able to hire the Virginia Forestry and Wildlife Group to begin clearing the invasive plants in a four acre area on the north side of the garden.

Our Progress



Invasive Plant Removal on North Side of Stream

Before June 2019



After July 2019



Resulting In Spaces For Site Programming



Programming



Educational Events
Highlights
Art



Programming



Educational Events
Highlights
Literacy



Programming



Educational Events
Highlights

STEAM



Outreach



Group Events Highlights



Community Support



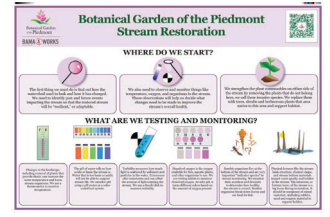
Volunteer Event Highlights



Where we are today

RECENT SITE IMPROVEMENTS

- ❖ Planted a meadow garden with over 30 native herbaceous species.
- ❖ Volunteers built and installed almost 30 birdboxes and a children's amphitheater.
- ❖ Installed stream restoration signage.
- ❖ A new chalkboard, accessible table and benches were built and installed for Children's programs for local Eagle Scout projects.



Where we are today

Invasive Plant Removal South of Stream

Area of Fall 2022 invasive plant removal at Botanical Garden of the Piedmont



BEFORE & AFTER Invasive Plant Removal South of Stream



We're Looking Forward To:

- ❖ Beginning stream restoration construction this Fall, followed by the bridge construction over the stream.
- ❖ Continuing to steward the Garden south of the stream by building more trails and gathering areas.
- ❖ Growing our program offerings in the spring.
- ❖ Getting more groups to the site so they can learn about all the Garden has to offer the community!



How We're Growing The Garden

- ❖ In silent phase of \$10 million Capital Campaign.
- ❖ We have raised 1/3 of the needed funding, and recently received a \$250,000 matching grant towards the Garden Pavilion from the Perry Foundation.
- ❖ This Capital Campaign will fund all of the design and site work, as well as the construction of a Garden Pavilion, Children's Discovery Garden and a small parking lot.



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*All my life through,
the new sights of Nature
made me rejoice like a
child."*

— Marie Curie



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