



Botanical Garden  
*of the* **Piedmont**  

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*We'll grow together*

# CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

**(March 2025)**

*Unless otherwise specified, all data provided is from  
July 1 – December 31, 2024  
(Six months of data)*

# WHO WE ARE



## Core Values:

*Inspiring connection, learning,  
and joy through nature.*

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

**Our Vision:** Today and for the Future of the Garden is

Create and maintain the garden to unite plants native to our region with complimentary 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!

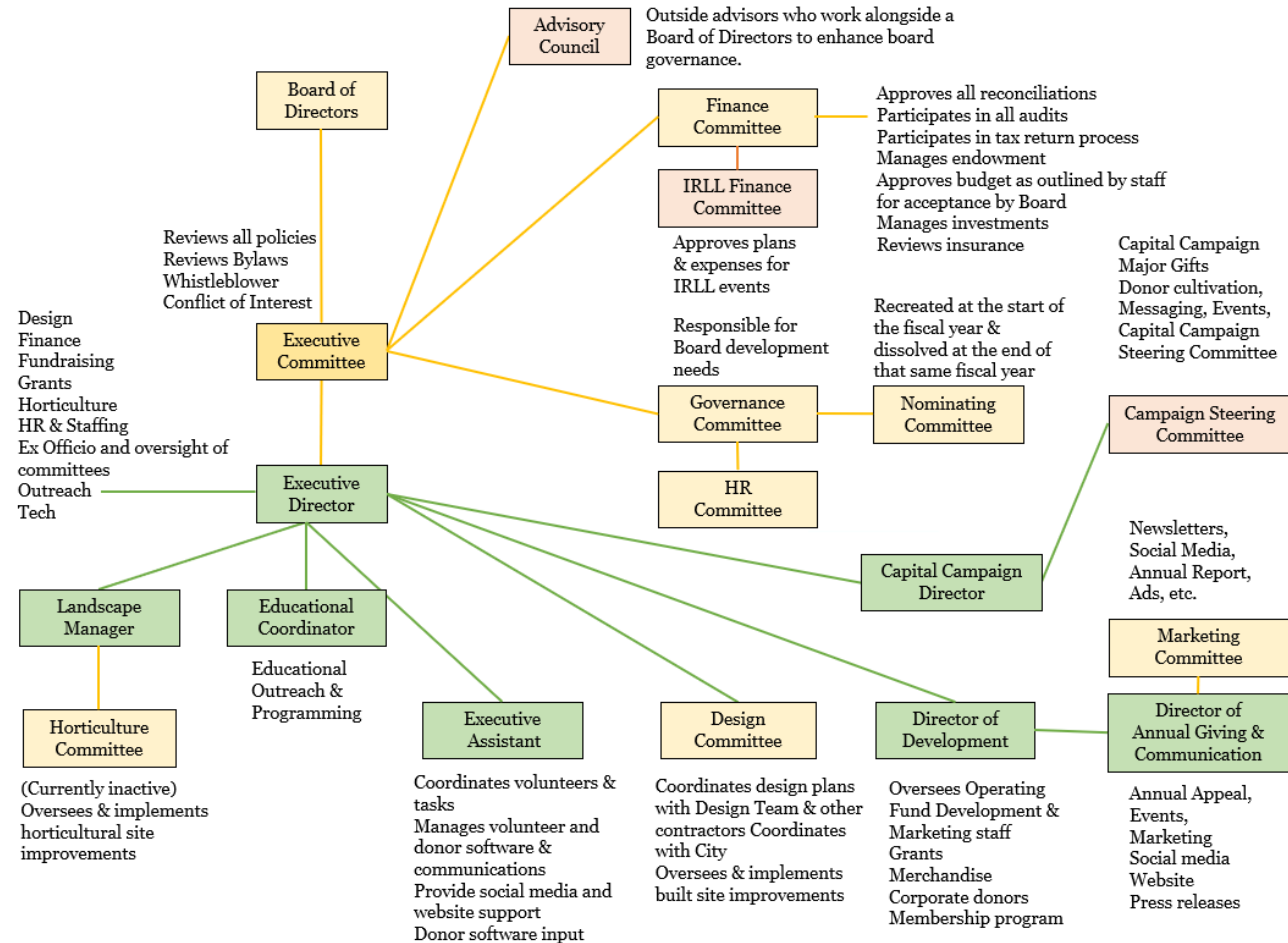
# BUILDING THE GARDEN

## A THREE-PRONGED APPROACH

❖ INTERNAL ORGANIZATION

❖ STEWARDING THE SITE

❖ PLANNING THE FUTURE GARDEN



### Organizational Chart

FY 2024 – 2025

Updated March 2025

#### LEGEND

Staff
Board Committee
Executive Committee Members
Not Standing Committee

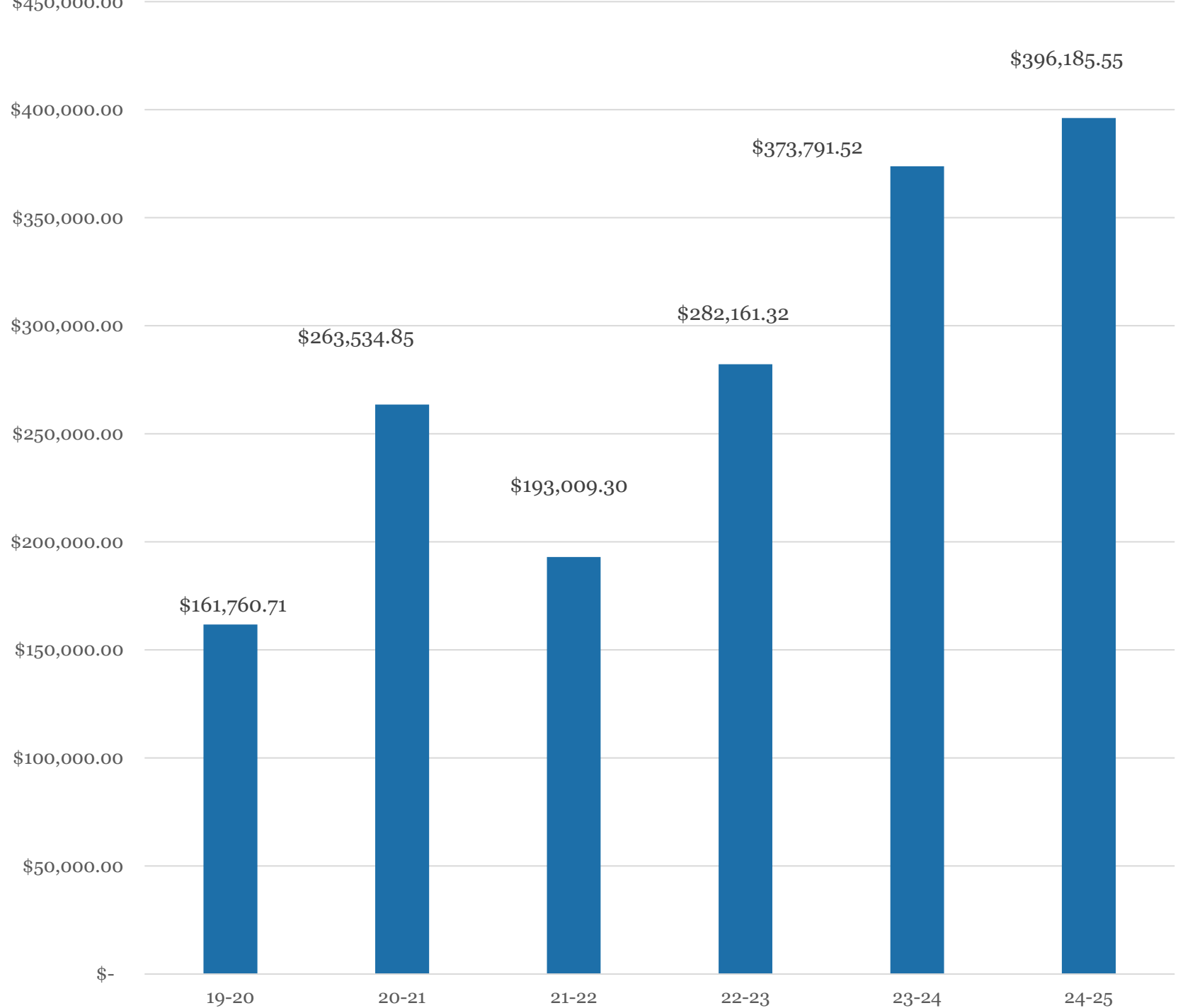


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## FUNDRAISING

- ❖ Annual Appeal received 412 gifts.
- ❖ Executed our Fall Appeal with 22 board members, volunteers and staff stewarding over 365 individual appeals.
- ❖ The Grants Team has been awarded 6 of the 12 grants (50%), for a total of \$88,000 in grants funding!
- ❖ As of February 28, 2025 Total Capital Campaign Fund -Including All Gift Types: **\$9,582,778.19.**





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## EVENTS & PROGRAMS

- ❖ Almost 800 people participated in the inaugural Botanical Art Festival in September, which included week long free art programs, a ticketed Art Show.
- ❖ Provided 73 programs with 1,261 participants. Provided 13 educational walks with 91 participants.
- ❖ Provided educational programs to Lafayette School, Abundant Life, Starr Hill, and more.
- ❖ Partnered with Gordon Avenue Library for 7 children's story hours with 262 participants.





# BUILDING THE GARDEN: STEWARDED THE SITE

- ❖ Garden Guardians
- ❖ Volunteer work-days
- ❖ Arborists
- ❖ Landscape Contractors
- ❖ Staff Landscape Manager





# BUILDING THE GARDEN:

## STEWARDED THE SITE

Removing invasive plants along the railroad right-of way.



“Labyrinth”, Carlton Carroll’s  
Winning Entry in the 2023 Photo  
finish contest



September 2022



January 2023



April 2023





# BUILDING THE GARDEN:

## STEWARDED THE SITE

Stream Restoration  
Progress photos from  
12/4/2023 to 8/27/2024.



*Aerial Photos by Carlton Carroll*



# BUILDING THE GARDEN: THE FUTURE LANDSCAPE

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Garden Pavilion



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Visitors Center



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Discovery Garden



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Amphitheater



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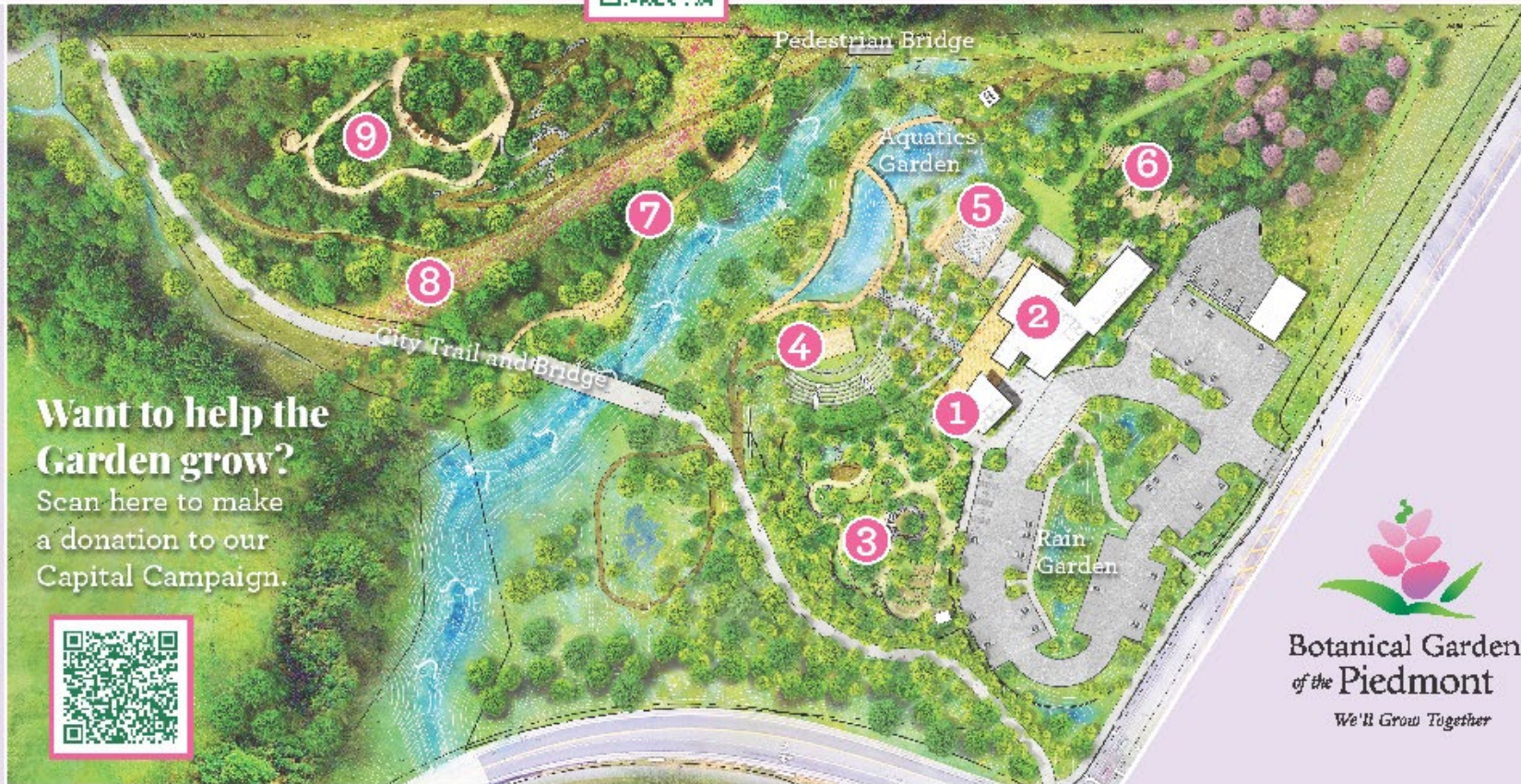
Event Garden



## The Future Garden



This award winning design was informed by community feedback and our core values:  
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Want to help the  
Garden grow?

Scan here to make  
a donation to our  
Capital Campaign.



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Pinetum



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Contemplation Gardens



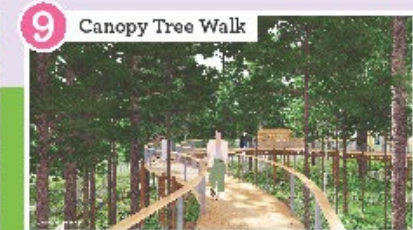
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Wildflower Meadow



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Canopy Tree Walk



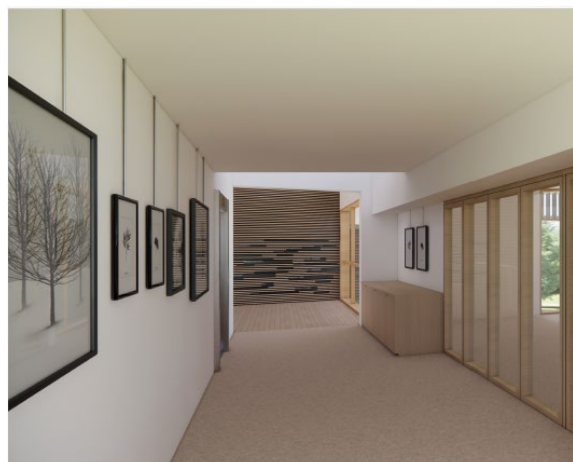


# THE FUTURE BUILDING EXTERIORS





# BUILDING THE GARDEN: THE FUTURE BUILDING INTERIORS





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## WATER CONCERNS

- ❖ Extending water line from Park Street.
- ❖ Digging wells for irrigation.

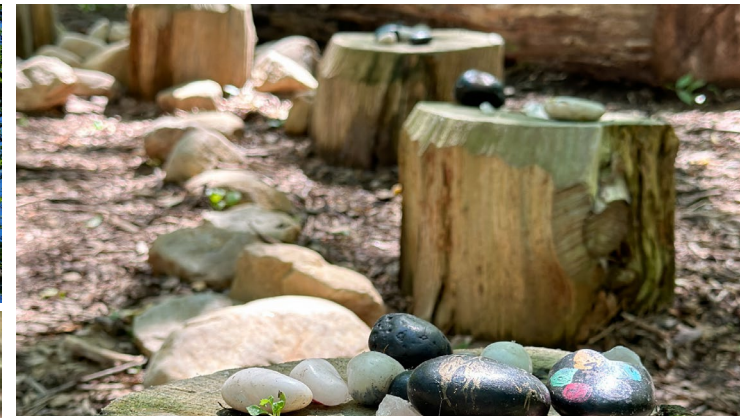
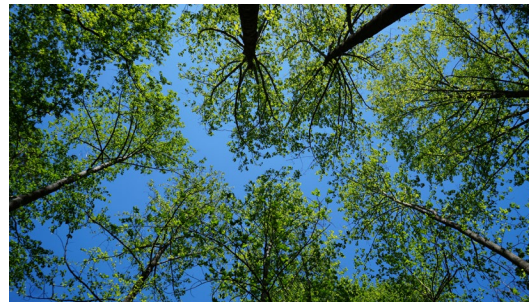
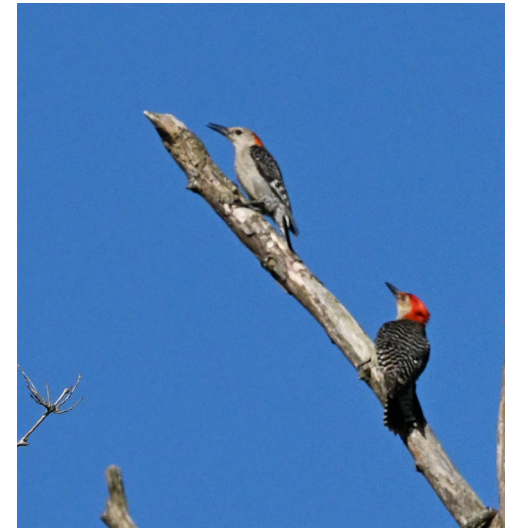




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## FUTURE PLANS

- ❖ Respond to Site Plan submittal feedback from the City & County.
- ❖ Completing the Construction Documents for the buildings and landscape.
- ❖ Meeting the fundraising goals needed to launch the public phase of the Capital Campaign.
- ❖ Continuing to expand our donor base and grow our Operating Fund.
- ❖ Launching our Membership program.
- ❖ Engaging more community partners.
- ❖ A full season of Super Saturdays, including classical music & poetry programs and Gatherings in the Garden.





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