



2018 Small Garden Symposium Big Ideas for Small Gardens

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Fundamentals of Master Planning For Small Gardens





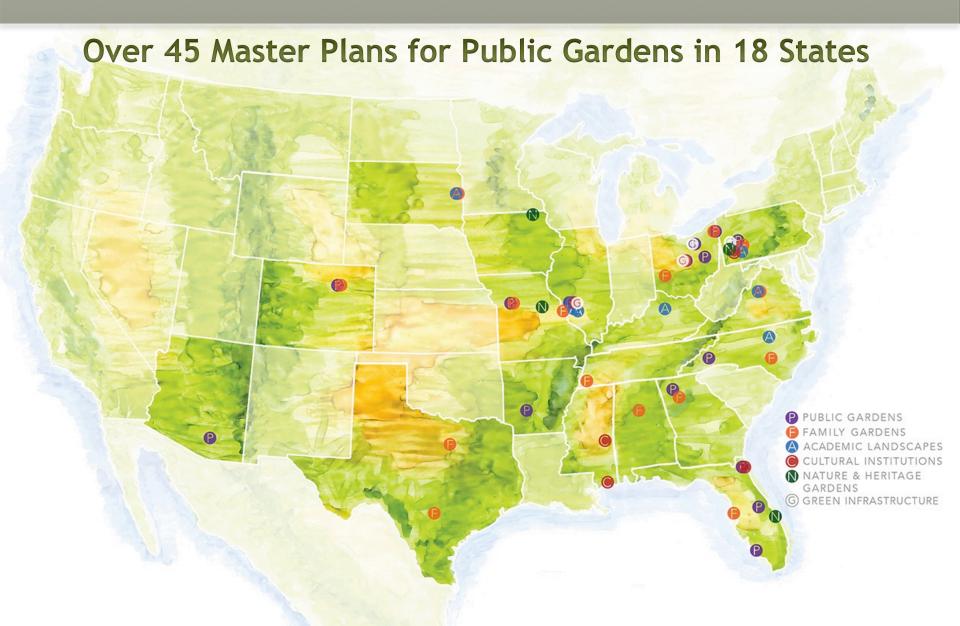




Team Terra



Our Public Garden Heritage



Why Invest in a Master Plan?

• To guide the future development of the Garden in support of its mission and goals for the next ten to twenty years.



- To inspire confidence with donors and the community by showing an investment in a long term plan.
- To help visitors understand your message.

To prioritize funding and development efforts.

"But we already have a Master Plan"

Master Plans need to "evolve" to respond to:

- Changes in the Strategic Plan
- New leadership
- Emerging crucial cultural topics (edibles, kids outside, conservation)
- Insufficient or reduced funding streams
- Built capital improvements that did not follow previous master plan

The Pre-Master Planning Process 3-6 months

Internal Preparedness Phase Master Plan
Team Selection
Phase

Master Plan Committee Formation Phase

The Master Planning Process 8-12 months

Research & Analysis Phase

Synthesis of Alternatives Phase

Final Master Plan Phase

Research & Analysis Phase







- Listen to the Committee and validate your program:
 - ✓ Mission, Vision, Identity
 - ✓ Audience
 - ✓ Goals
 - ✓ Components
- Talk about the "Flavor" of experiences
- Unearth unique Topics and Themes

Research & Analysis Phase







- Define your "Hook"
- Explore Model Organizations
- Get to know your site and its surrounding influences
- Blend program and site knowledge into Concept Diagrams

Audience and Goals



Three Legged Stool



Display & Collections

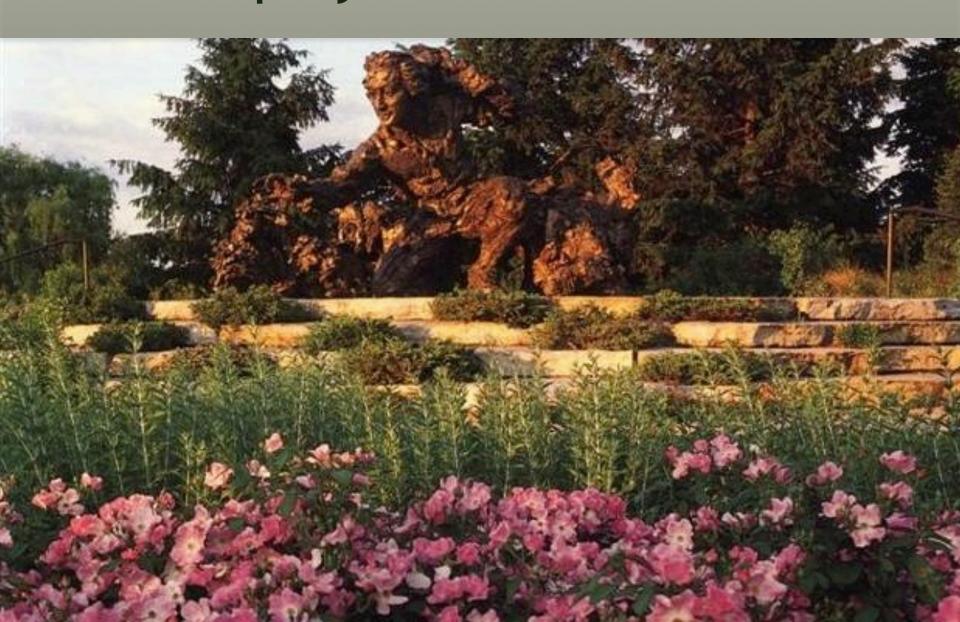
Research



Education



Display and Collections



... And now!



21st Century Dining Table



Community Outreach



Conservation



Wellness



Garden "Flavors"

Display Gardens

Nature Gardens

Ecosystem Restorations







Display Gardens

The Crowd Pleasers



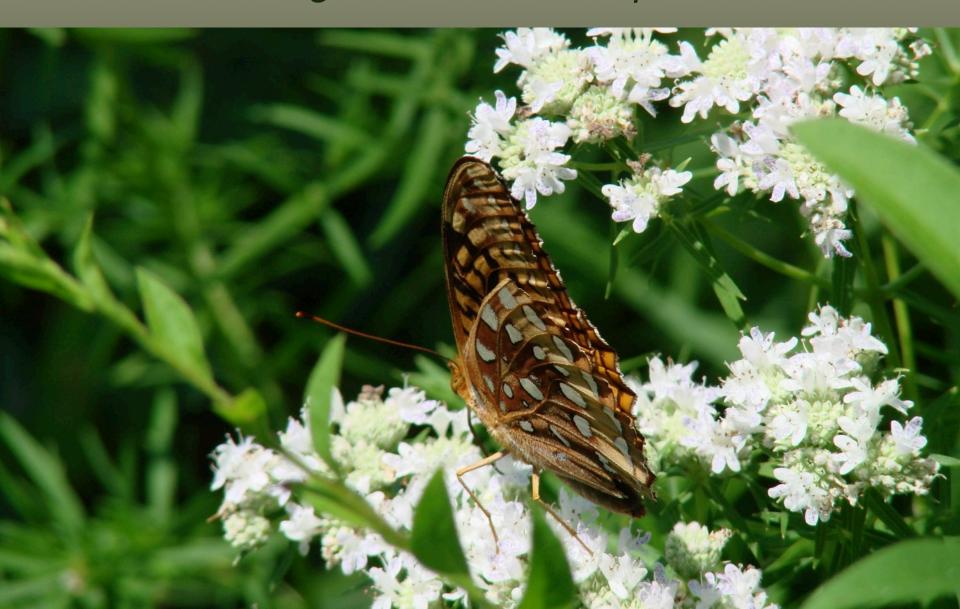
Nature Gardens

The (Nearly) Invisible Hand of Man



Ecosystem Restoration

Regenerative Landscapes



Support Spaces - The 'Cone'

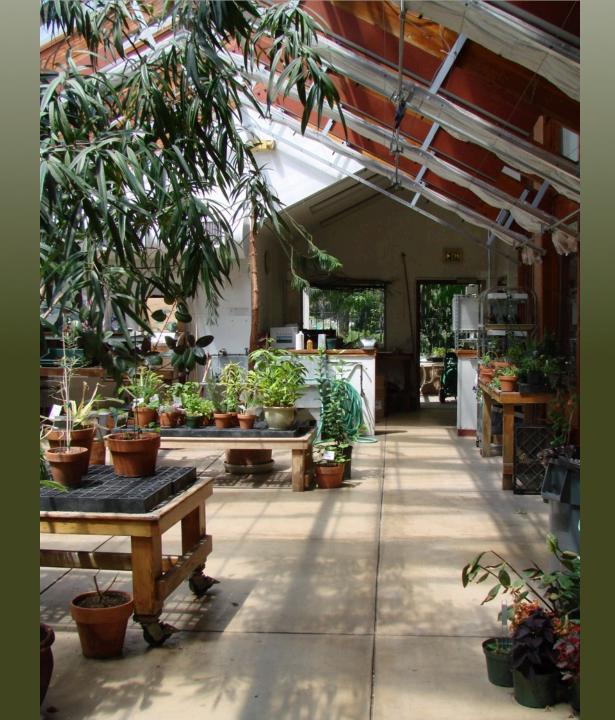


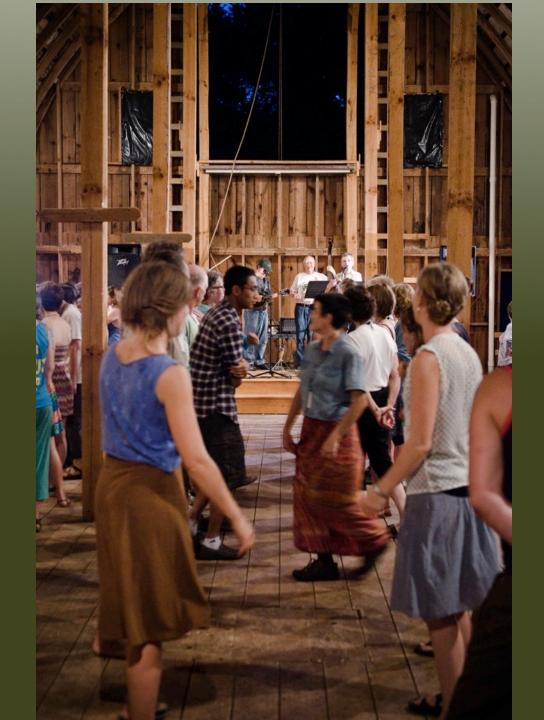






























Topics, Themes, and Hooks

Family Gardens Seed to Plate Water Canopy Walk **Butterfly Encounters** Art as the Link and the Cure Artful Rain Water Capture Traveling Exhibits

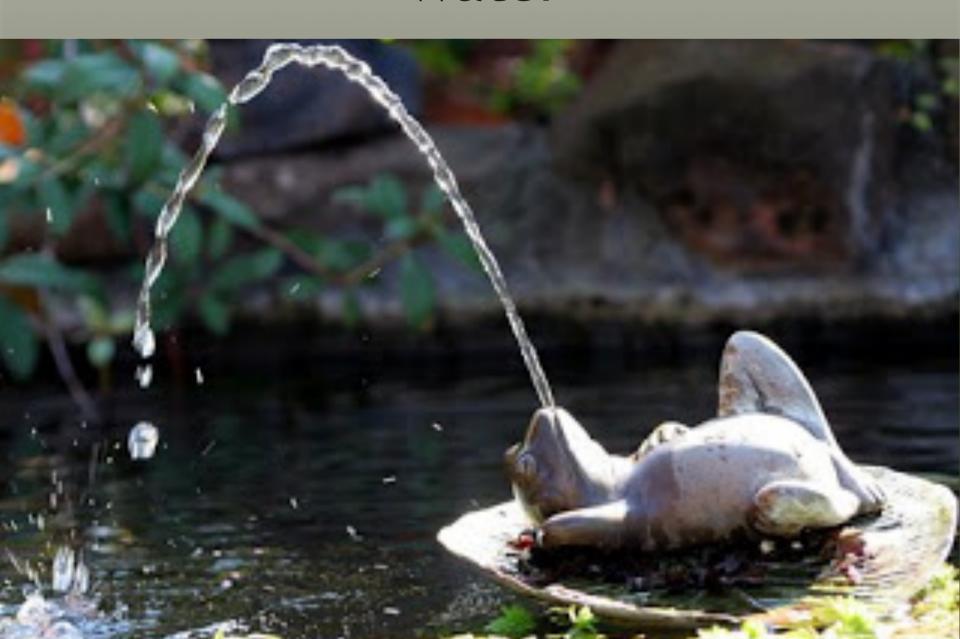
Family Gardens



Seed to Plate



Water

















Canopy Walk











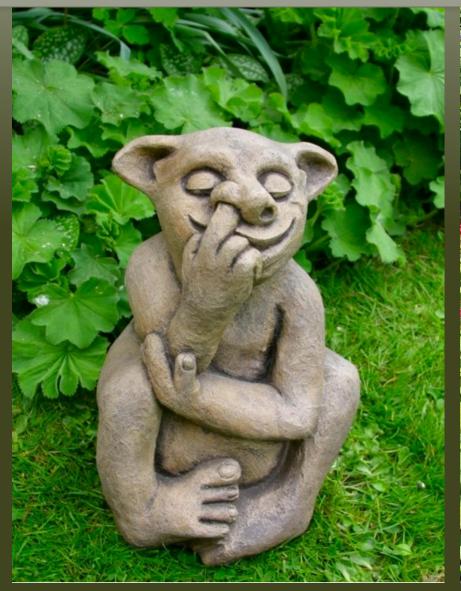
Artful Stormwater







Art as the "link" and the "cure"





... the Link to your story



... the Cure for Plant Blindness







Traveling Exhibits















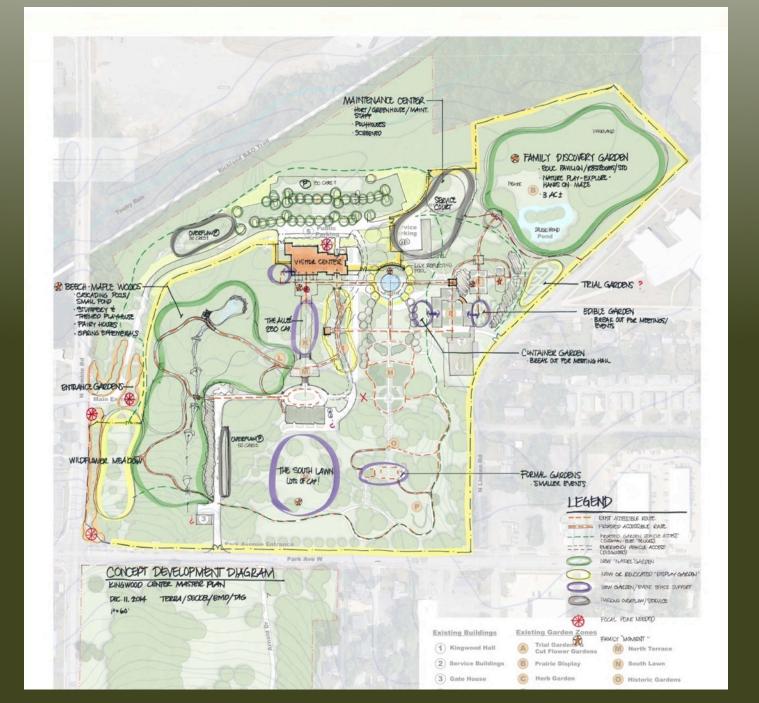




Products: Research & Analysis Phase







Synthesis of Alternatives Phase





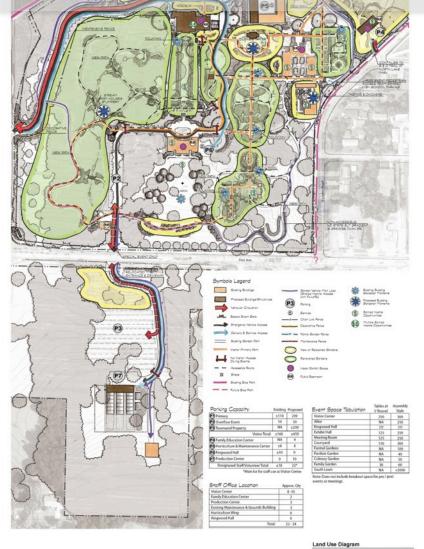
- Prepare Master Plan Options Package:
 - Illustrative Concept Plan
 - Site sections
 - Building footprints and elevations
 - Interpretive Plan Overlay
 - Perspective sketches and/or precedent support images
 - Strategy for Phase One and ballpark costs



- Explore Pros and Cons of Options
- Gather stakeholder feedback and validate options on site

Synthesis of Alternatives Phase

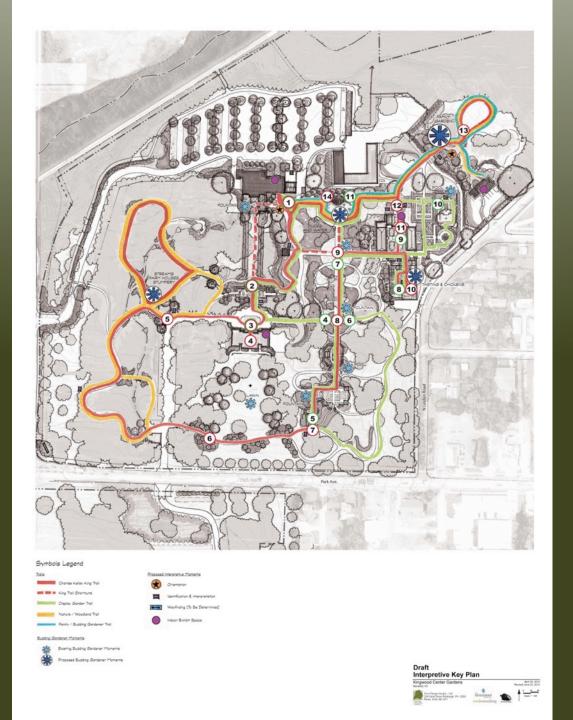
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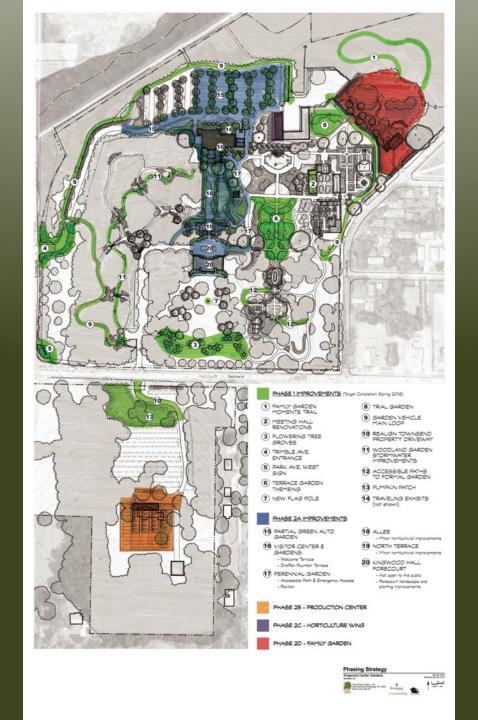




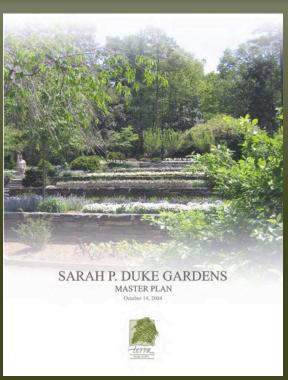
- S GREENHOUSE RUIN
- FAMILY GARDEN
 Family Education Center
 Nature Play-based Activities
 Hands-on Gardening
- KITCHEN & CUTTING GARDEN
- LILY POOL
 Pavilion
 Cascading Pools







Final Master Plan Phase

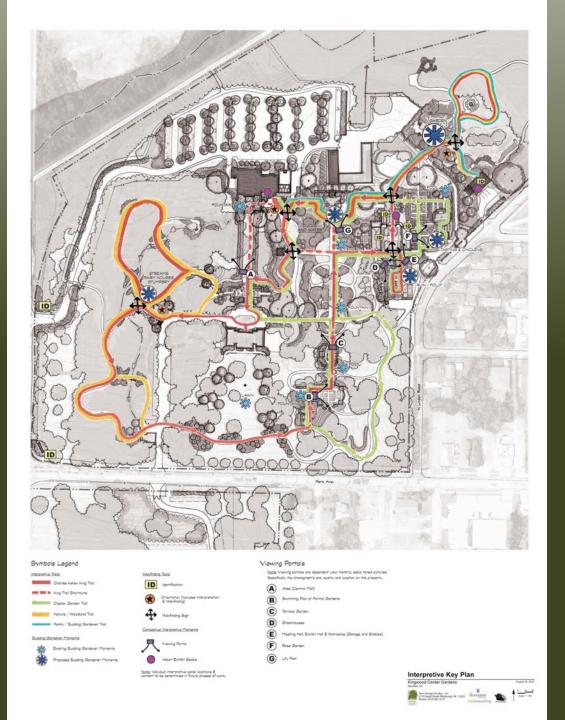


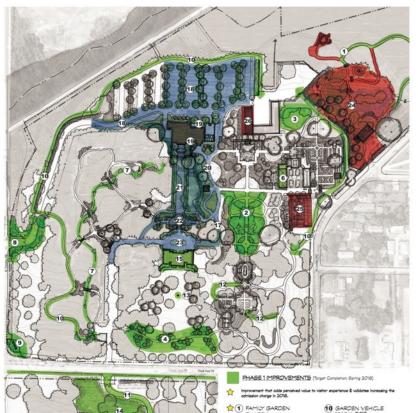
My Big Backyard at Memphis Botanic Garden

- Refine stakeholder feedback into Final Master Plan package
- Prepare Master Plan Report (?)

Products: Final Master Plan Phase









- ↑ FAMILY GARDEN PHASE 1
- ☆② TERRACE GARDEN THEMING
- (3) TRIAL GARDEN
- ♦ 4 SPRING CELEBRATION GROVE
- ☆ (5) TRAVELING EXHIBITS (not shown)
 - 6 MEETING HALL RENOVATIONS
- (7) WOODLAND GARDEN CONCEPT DESIGN & STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS
- (8) TRIMBLE AVE. ENTRANCE
- 9 PARK AVE. WEST SIGN

- GARDEN VEHICLE
- 11 REALIGN TOWNSEND PROPERTY DRIVEWAY & PARK AVE ORNAMENTAL FENCING
- 12 ACCESSIBLE PATHS TO FORMAL GARDENS
- 13 NEW FLAG POLE
- (14) PUMPKIN PATCH
- (15) KINGWOOD HALL OPEN TO PUBLIC DURING REGULAR ADMISSION HOURS
- 16 DEVELOP INTERPRETATION ACTION PLAN & ANNUAL INTERPRETATION IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (not shown)
- 17 UPDATE & ENHANCE WEBSITE (not shown)

PHASE 2 IMPROVEMENTS

- 18 PARTIAL GREEN AUTO GARDEN
- 19 VISITOR CENTER & GARDENS - Welcome Terroce - Draffan Fountain Terroce
- 20 PERENNIAL GARDEN - Accessible Parth & Emergency Access - Povillon
- 21 ALLEE
- Minor Hortlaultural Improvements 22 NORTH TERRACE
- 23 KINGWOOD HALL FORECOURT Forecourt Hardscope and Planting improvements

PHASE 3 IMPROVEMENTS

24 FAMILY GARDEN 25 PRODUCTION CENTER Signature Themed Garden
 Family Education Center
 Noture Play-based Activities
 Hands-on Gardening
 Interactive Water Feature

- Tree House Canapy Wak

Offices & Storage 26 HORTICULTURE WING

- Remove Townsend Structure - Production Houses, Staff





FIRST IMPRESSION OF VISITOR CENTER FROM GREEN AUTO GARDEN



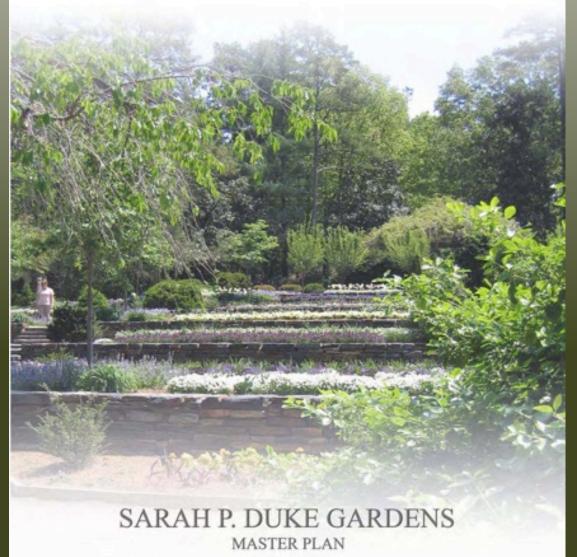




3 ALLEE AND DRAFFAN FOUNTAIN FROM NORTH TERRACE







October 14, 2004



Fund Development Phase 12-18 months





- Master Plan team develop fundraising support documents (?)
- Feasibility Study by Capital Campaign Counsel
- Silent and Public phases of Capital Campaign (Master Plan team support?)
- Begin full-service design phase when Capital Campaign reaches "comfortable threshold".

Full Service Design & Construction Phase 24 months +-





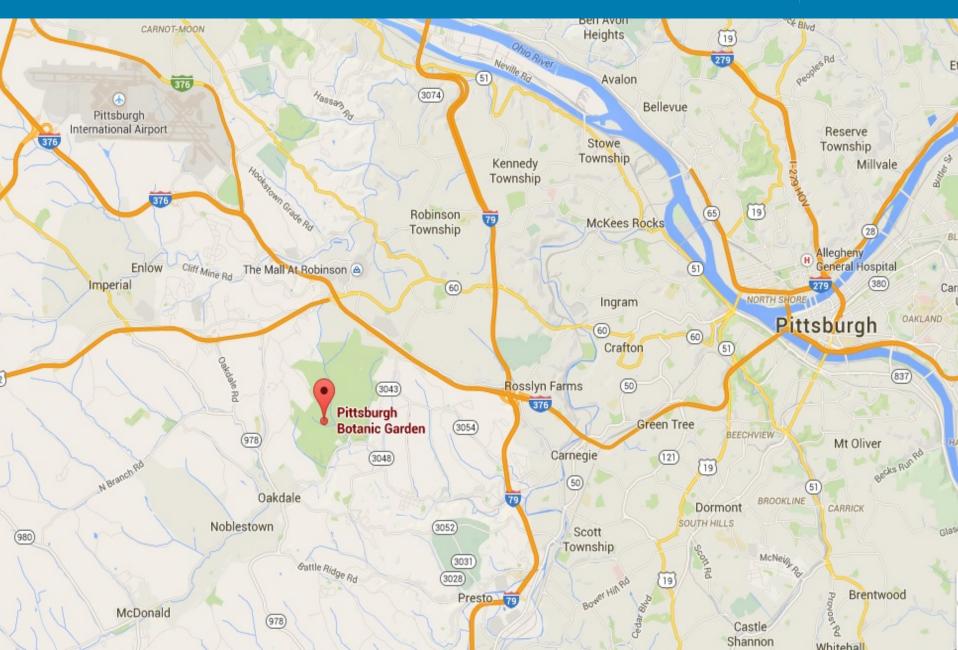
- Schematic Design through Construction Document Preparation (9-12 months)
- Bid Award and Mobilization -Begin Construction (2 months)
- Construction Administration (9-12 months)
- Open First Phase of the Master Plan to Public!!



Master Planning for a New Public Garden









Mining Reclamation Site





1870's Bayer Welcome Center











Davidson Event Center









Pierce Celebration Garden









1855 Farmhouse - Administration Building







Heritage Homestead with 1780's Log House

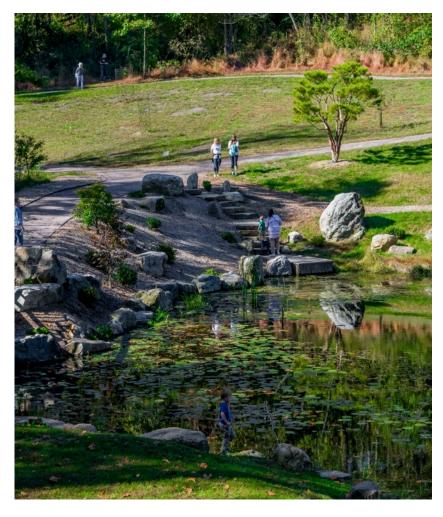








Japanese Garden with Lotus Pond











Margaret Lawrence Simon Dogwood Meadow

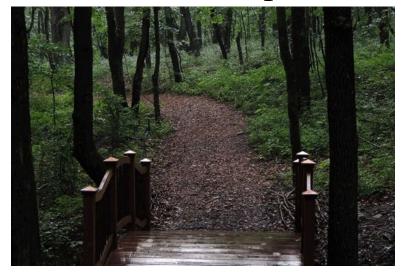








Woodlands to Explore











Land Clearing – Future Garden Sites







From an Idea to Opening the Gates! Master planning for a new public garden.

Pittsburgh Botanic Garden – Here's what happened:

1988 First idea to have a public garden with outdoor gardens and collections

1991 Incorporated as a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization

1994 Site selection begins

1998 Lease signed for 432 acres with Allegheny County for 99-years

1999 Fundraising for master planning begins

2001 National search selects MTR Landscape Arch. & Overland Partners Arch.

2002 First Executive Director hired

2003 Design team completes comprehensive master plan and 20 acres added



2004 Hurricane Ivan floods abandon mines releasing acid mine drainage

2006 State funds provides \$5M for infrastructure improvements

2008 Reclamation of former coal mine work begins

2011 First plantings take place

2012 Additional 6 acres added to lease for total of 460, including log house, farm house and barn - this provided a means of opening to public

2015 Garden officially opens April 1st

2016 Master plan updated

2017 Prioritization of plan, moved into Site Development Planning

2018 It's been 30 years!

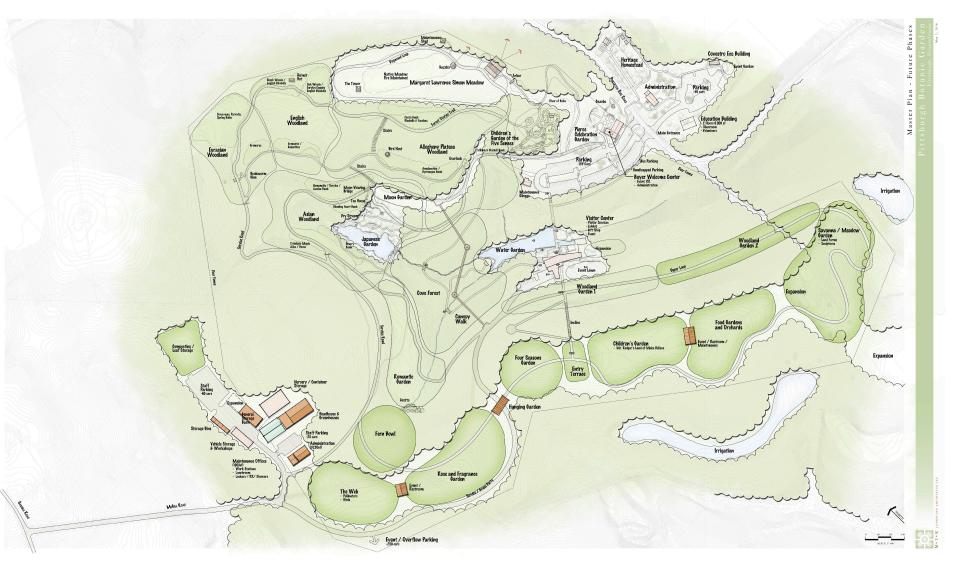


2003 Master Plan



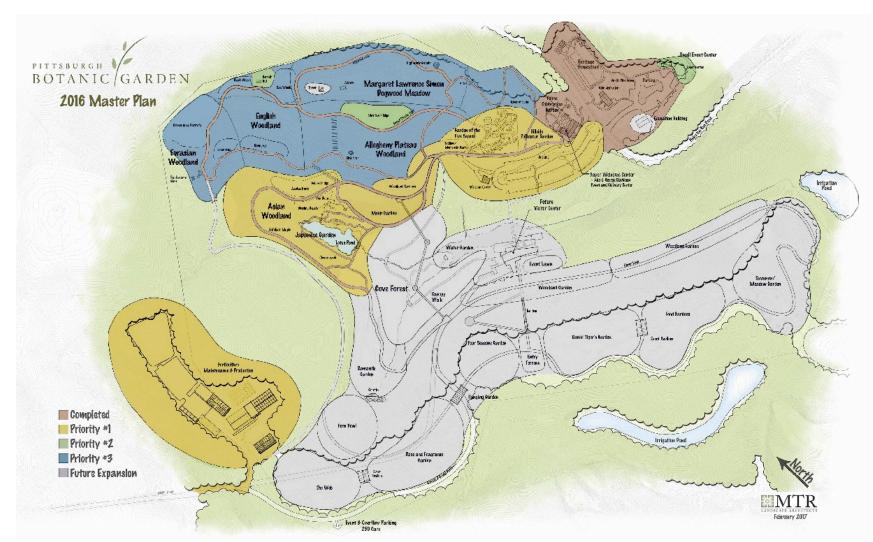


2016 Master Plan





2016 Master Plan with Priority Areas





Points to Consider -

Master Plan is a road map. You have an organization and a site. So, with the plan leading the direction, you will get to the end. However, the route taken most likely will vary.

This Plan is an evolving process.

Mission Statement update:

Pittsburgh Botanic Garden inspires people to value plants, garden design and the natural world by cultivating plant collections of the Allegheny Plateau and temperate regions, creating display gardens, conducting educational programs and conserving the environment.

Name change – Horticulture Society of Western Pennsylvania (1988), Botanic Garden of Western Pennsylvania (2003) Pittsburgh Botanic Garden (2010)



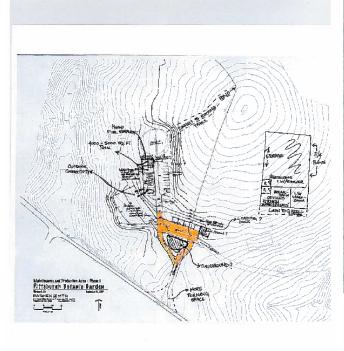
- OK to make changes; this shows flexibility
- Often plans are different than reality after you open. Be adaptable.
- Staff / Board responsibilities evolve
- Staff changes bring different direction
- Get open!! The community will come.

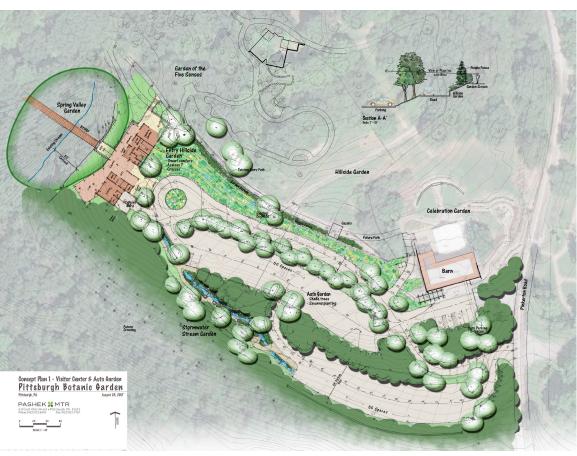




Site Planning

- New Welcome Center
- Auto Garden
- Horticulture & Maintenance Facility

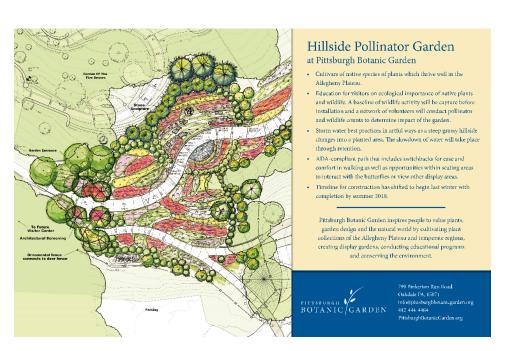






Two New Gardens

- Hillside Pollinator Garden
- Garden of the Five Senses

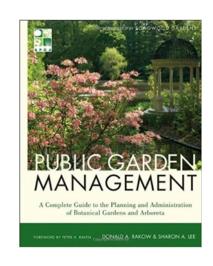






Resources

Public Garden Management by Donald Rakow and Sharon Lee



New and Emerging Public Gardens Trailmap

A current body of work being prepared by Longwood Fellows Neil Gerlowski, Kaslin Daniels and others. This trailmap outlines the process to follow for creating a new public garden. To be release at the APGA Annual Conference in June.





"Turn and face the strange strain / Ch- ch- changes...
1971, David Bowie

Tucson Botanical Gardens



Staff / Overflow Parking & Seasonal Plant Sales Area Landscape Zones Porter Legacy-Historic Gardens Contemporary - Low Water Use - Gardens Landscape Gardens Creosote Community Ironwood Path Arroyo Way Circulation Primary Public Path Secondary Public Path Members, Staff, Special Purpose Paths and Locations Tucson Botanical Gardens THE PORTICO GROUP Figure 3 Master Plan Landscape Zones / Circulation Pla October 2002

Tucson Botanical Gardens



\$25K Gift with pledge of another \$25K

First M/P

Meeting

2/2002

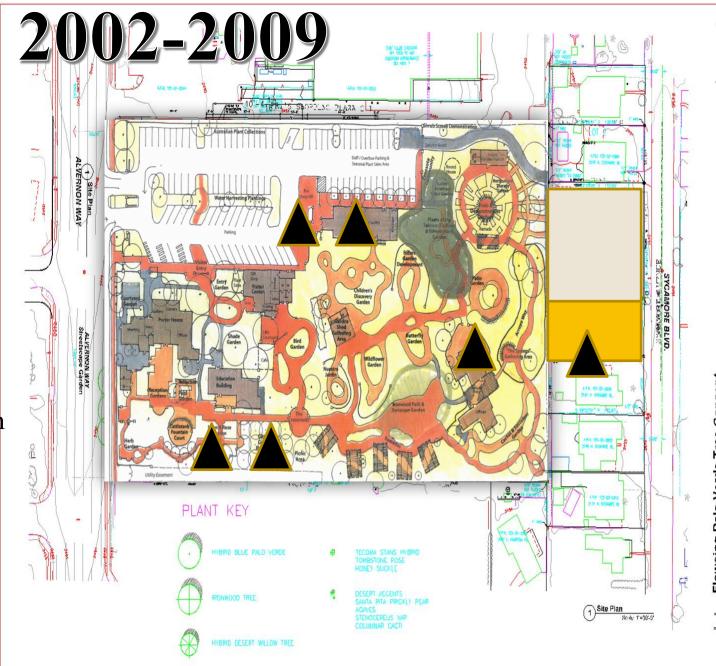
Completed M/P October 2002

Director Resigned November 2002 New Director Hired 1/2003





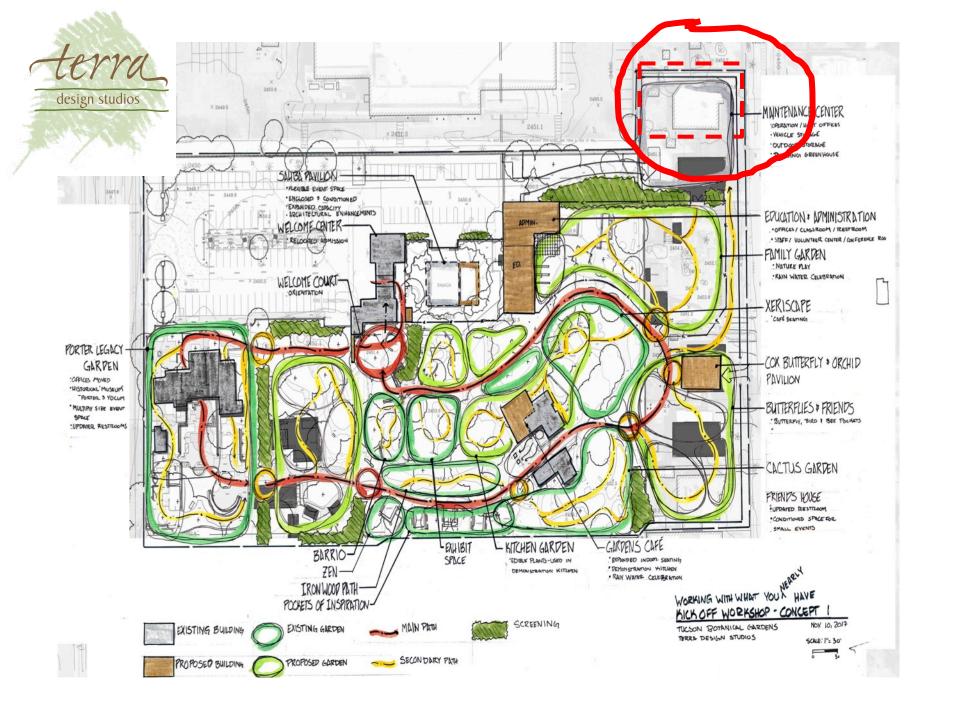
- 1. Indoor Tropical Butterfly House
- 2. Café
- 3. Pavilion (the white elephant)
- 4. Purchased Home
- 5. Zen Garden
- 6. Began developing capital project: new visitor center





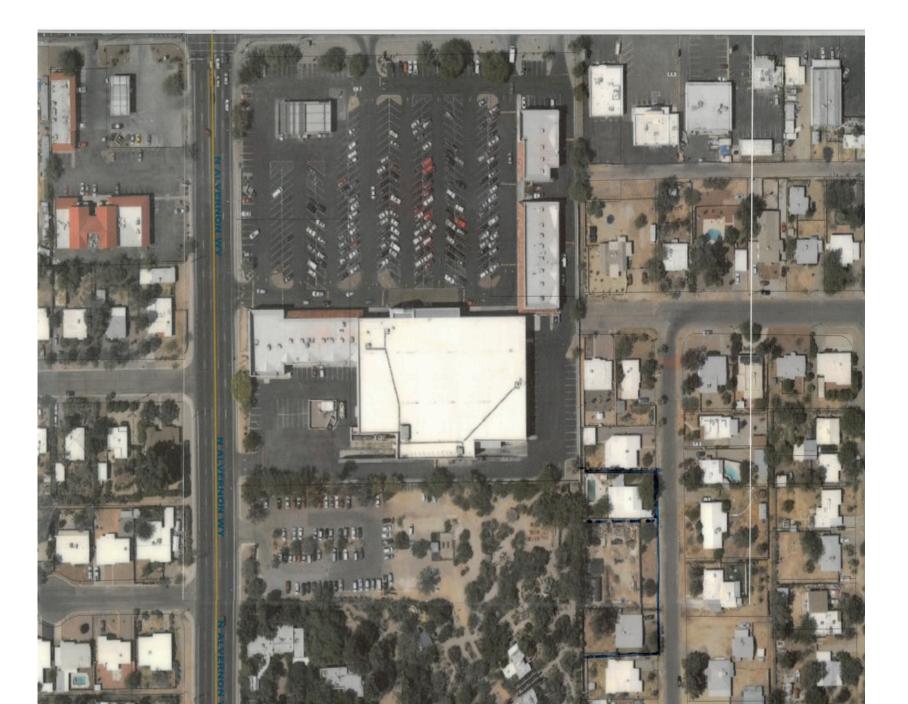
- 1. Larger Butterfly & Orchid Pavilion
- 2. Space for Special Events/Lectures
 - -250/300
- 3. Food Service
- 4.MORE PARKING!!!!











Garden Neighbor Hey Michelle – Did you hear the news?

Michelle What?

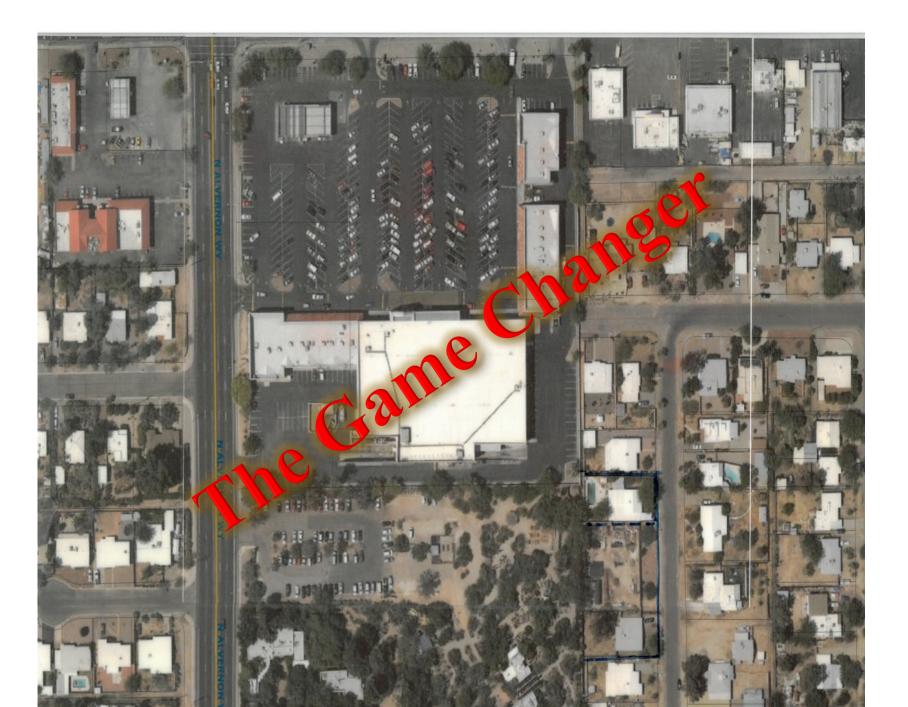
Garden Neighbor

My friend's, friend told me that her brother, who knows a cashier who works at Fry's Grocery Store, told him...



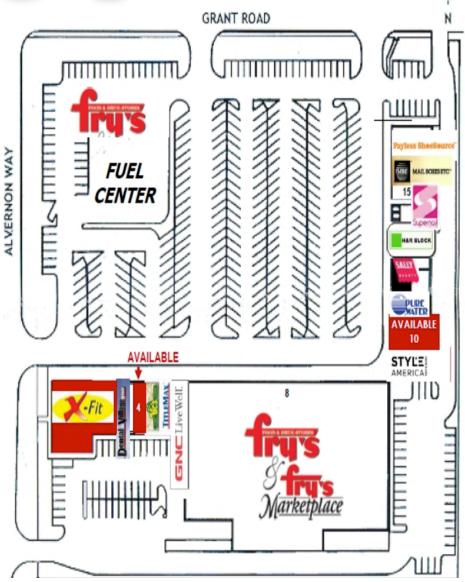
"Fry's Grocery is moving out – and it's going to happen soon."





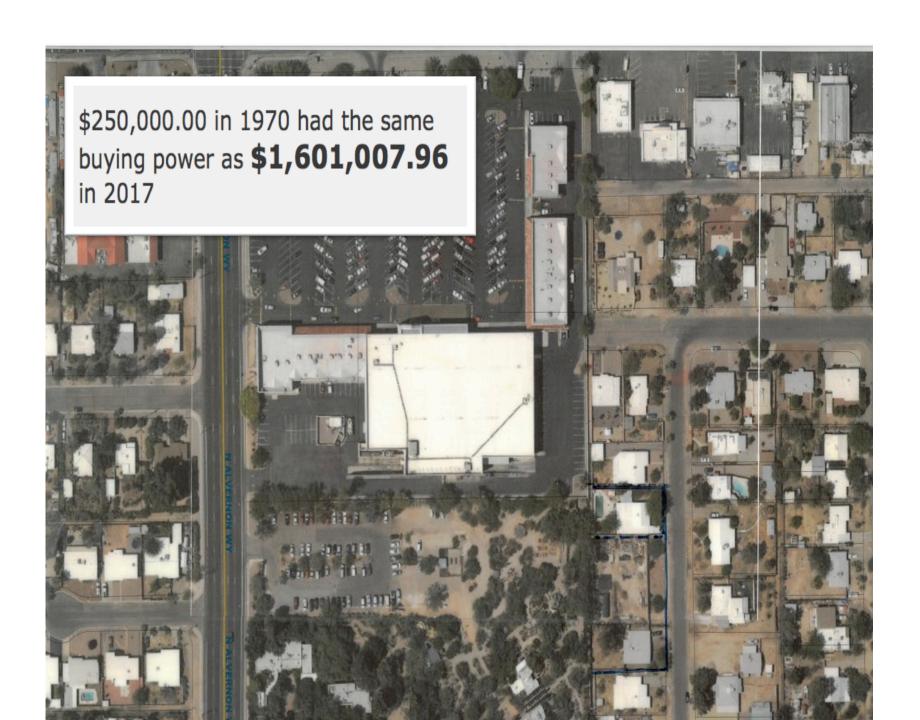
339+ Parking Spaces!















1. Leadership Buy-In

- 1. Executive Director/CEO
- 2. Board

2. A Diverse Core Committee

- 1. Risk Takers & Visionaries
- 2. Diverse Community

3. Expect the Unexpected

4. A Master Plan
It's a plan, not a legal
contract!







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Questions?



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