

Welcome



Front Entrance

Overview

- ◆ Chelsea Botanical Gardens is located on 80 acres in Norwich CT's historic 400-acre Mohegan Park.
- ◆ During the past several years numerous studies were contracted and completed:
 - ✓archeological dig
 - ✓environmental study
 - ✓transportation study
 - ✓marketing report
 - ✓legal review
 - ✓wetlands mapping
 - ✓flora/fauna survey

Chelsea Botanical Gardens is a 501(c)(3) organization managed by a volunteer board of directors that meets monthly.



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MASTER PLAN





Our Plan

The Master Plan of the Chelsea Botanical Gardens will be developed in five major phases. It is estimated that the completion of the Master Plan will take approximately 20 years, with various areas phased in as funding allows.

"It takes a generation to build a botanical garden."

- Robert Reed, *Chelsea Gardens Foundation Past President*

Drawings of Phase 1A, prepared by CLA Engineers, Inc., of Norwich, CT, were accepted by the Gardens' Board of Directors and presented to the Norwich City Council in October 2010. Phase 1A will cost \$18 million to \$20 million.

Funding

Funding for Phase 1A is being generated through grants, endowments, corporate and private donations, bonding, and fundraising events. Phase 1A should be completed in approximately two years after all funding is complete.

Our Mission



The Mission of Chelsea Botanical Gardens is to develop and maintain botanical gardens and a butterfly pavilion by incorporating education, research, and conservation.

Board of Directors

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Benefits to the Community

The positive impact of Chelsea Gardens to Norwich, CT, and the surrounding areas will be significant.

Some Benefits Include:

- ◆ The direct economic impact for Phase 1A in its entirety is estimated at \$2.7 million annually with projected admissions of 175,000-200,000 guests during the first year.
- ◆ Area restaurants, motels, and other service industries will be direct beneficiaries of the tourist influx.
- ◆ Plantings, garden and construction supplies will be purchased from local businesses whenever possible.
- ◆ Full-time and part-time help will be hired from within the community.
- ◆ A gardening school will provide employment and educational opportunities.
- ◆ The gardens will be compatible with the local climate and topography of the park.
- ◆ Aesthetic value is vitally important in enhancing quality of life.

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