



Dallas Park & Recreation

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society Master Plan Status Update



Park and Recreation Board
November 5, 2020

History

- In 2001 the Philadelphia based firm of Andropogon Associates, created a master plan. It was updated in 2015.
- The master plan took two years for a twenty-five-member Advisory Committee composed of DABs board members and staff, neighbors, Park and Recreation Board members and leaders from the landscaping and architectural profession in Dallas to complete.
- The 116 page master plan included:
 - a vision of what the property would be in twenty-five years,
 - an inventory and analysis of the property in 2001 with emphasis on access and circulation of those entering property off Garland Road and current and future parking.

History

- The physical characteristics of the property were re-inventoried to gain an understanding of the topography as it relates to the lake and preserving historic views
- It was important to keep green spaces throughout referred to as ‘managed parkland’ and to make sure there were standards in place to maintain a consistent look.
- A second phase recommended institutional objectives that were needed in order to support the next twenty-five years of development and consolidation of the new site plan with these objectives.

Completed Master Plan Goals

- **Creation of an 8 acre Children's Garden**
 - at the north end of the property dedicated to life and earth science studies and nationally acclaimed
- **Development of a North Entrance to the Property**
 - allowed visitor access and a gate at the south end for vendors and served as a traffic exit for end of day surge
- **Creation of an 1800 car Parking Garage**
 - Addressed parking needs at the north end with an underground passageway
- **The construction of a six building Visitor Education Pavilion**
 - Housed arboretum staff, provide classrooms, a gift shop, an information center, orientation theater and 5000 square foot multi-purpose room

Completed Master Plan Goals (con't)

- **A permanent outdoor concert stage and lawn**
- **A White Rock Lake Inlet Garden that later became the lagoon**
 - opened views to the lake
- **A greenhouse development**
 - six acres that needed to be built on property a few minutes away from the arboretum
- **The development of the Red Maple Rill**
 - adjoining the concert lawn and provided a walkway between the upper and lower gardens
- **Upgrading of the Trial Gardens**
 - now in three different areas of the property and expansion of our plant trial program.

Goals still to be completed:

- **The widening of the Paseo de Flores**
 - to take vehicles off the major walkway and to deal with the increased visitation to the garden (Cost \$5 million)
- **Creation of an outer tram path**
 - to take people around the garden. Trams can run with regularity to all outer sections of the garden (Cost \$8 million)
- **Development of The Gallery Garden**
 - on the west side of the Jonsson Color Garden overlooking the lake (Cost \$7 million)
- **The Promontory**
 - a gazebo-like structure on the highest part of the property with an expansive view of the lake and provide shelter from the elements (Cost \$4 million)
- **Children's Education Center**
 - office space, restrooms and food service for the north end and teaching areas for children
 - building to be located next to the children's garden entry (Cost \$30 million)

A Tasteful Place / Herb Garden



The Lagoon



The Paseo





Some areas have been repositioned due to extenuating circumstances. One example is the fruit, herb and vegetable garden, eliminated when new restrooms were needed for the Concert lawn. This area is now called ***A Tasteful Place*** and adjoins the proposed White Rock Lake inlet garden, now known as the ***Lagoon***.



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