

Constitution Gardens: Restoring a Gift to the Nation for 2026

OUR
Monumental
MOMENT

THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE NATIONAL MALL

A New Constitution Gardens

TO HONOR AND ELEVATE THE HISTORY AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION

This revitalized central space on the National Mall will create 36 acres of verdant gardens, a vibrant and ecologically thriving lake and a model of excellence for urban parks. It will become a sustainable and vital space to gather on the National Mall — with a revitalized Memorial to the 56 Signers of the Declaration of Independence, and a welcoming place for education, respite, wellness and wonder. A place for all.

OUR VISION + PROJECT GOALS

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| 1
Elevate the meaning and purpose of Constitution Gardens | 2
Restore the Memorial to 56 Signers of the Declaration of Independence to honor their heroism | 3
Create a flexible space providing opportunities for education, recreation, and visitor engagement | 4
Create a model urban park that sets a new standard for providing a natural wildlife habitat and ecosystem |
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CURRENT SITE CHALLENGES

- Underutilized by visitors, environmentally problematic, unsustainable, and costly to maintain
- Central lake plagued by toxic algae blooms; does not support wildlife ecology due to poor circulation and oxygenation
- Trees and shrubs in critical health due to poor soil quality
- Lacks welcoming gathering spaces, proper signage honoring the Memorial, visitor amenities and lighting to ensure proper circulation and safety
- Memorial to the 56 Signers of the Declaration of Independence is not easily readable, lacks interpretation and opportunity to learn more



Aerial view of Constitution Gardens

ABOUT THE DESIGNERS: PWP LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

For over 30 years, PWP has developed a tradition of design practices that responds to as well as influences environment with a shared ambition to create legible, beautiful and enduring places. Their acclaimed work includes Glenstone in Potomac, MD, Hong Kong New Central Harbourfront and the National September 11 Memorial in New York.



Constitution Gardens today

ELEVATING HISTORY AND RESTORING ENVIRONMENTAL INTEGRITY

LANDSCAPE REHABILITATION

- Soil remediation and regrading to ensure vegetation can thrive
- Planting of native trees and shrubs to improve biodiversity

LAKE RESTORATION

- Deepened and reengineered lake to improve water flow and create a viable habitat for wildlife
- Multiple layers of aquatic vegetation to provide nutrient uptake and promote a healthy lake ecology
- Comprehensive water resource management system to manage, capture, and reuse stormwater runoff



A unique destination and gathering space on the National Mall



The Memorial honoring the 56 Signers of the Declaration of Independence

UPGRADES TO THE MEMORIAL TO THE 56 SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

- Educational and interpretive signage to honor the contributions of our Founding Fathers with cleaned, restored, and reset Memorial stones to ensure prominence and readability
- Signage and QR codes will connect visitors to video and audio content and online classroom resources
- New ADA-compliant paths and bridge to increase accessibility to the Memorial

ENGAGEMENT AND ACTIVATIONS

- New amenities and public recreation opportunities such as fishing, model boating, and movies on the green
- New and welcoming sites for educational programming including both ecological/environmental and civics/history-focused learning
- New event plaza, terraces, and lake ring deck to create spaces for gatherings and special events
- Proper lighting to encourage visitors and ensure proper crowd circulation and safety



A rich array of ecological gardens



The new plaza for special events and the lake ring deck for strolling

CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

PHASE I-II Jul 2022 - Dec 2023	Pre-Construction (In Progress) Design and Compliance
PHASE III Spring 2024	Construction Begins Pending Funding
PHASE IV Spring 2026 Cost TBD	Construction Complete; Public Engagement + Educational Programming begins

COST ESTIMATES

Pre-Construction (Phase I-II) (In Progress)	\$4,560,000 (Funded)
Direct Construction (Phase III)	\$55,000,000
Contingency + Contracted Project Management	\$8,250,000
Operations + Management	\$6,781,000
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET NEEDED TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION	\$74,591,000

GIFT RECOGNITION ON THE NATIONAL MALL

Leadership donors will have the exclusive opportunity to be recognized in special commemorative signage with the National Park Service and Trust for the National Mall for the 2026 Semiquincentennial Celebration. Full funder recognition opportunities and details are available upon request.