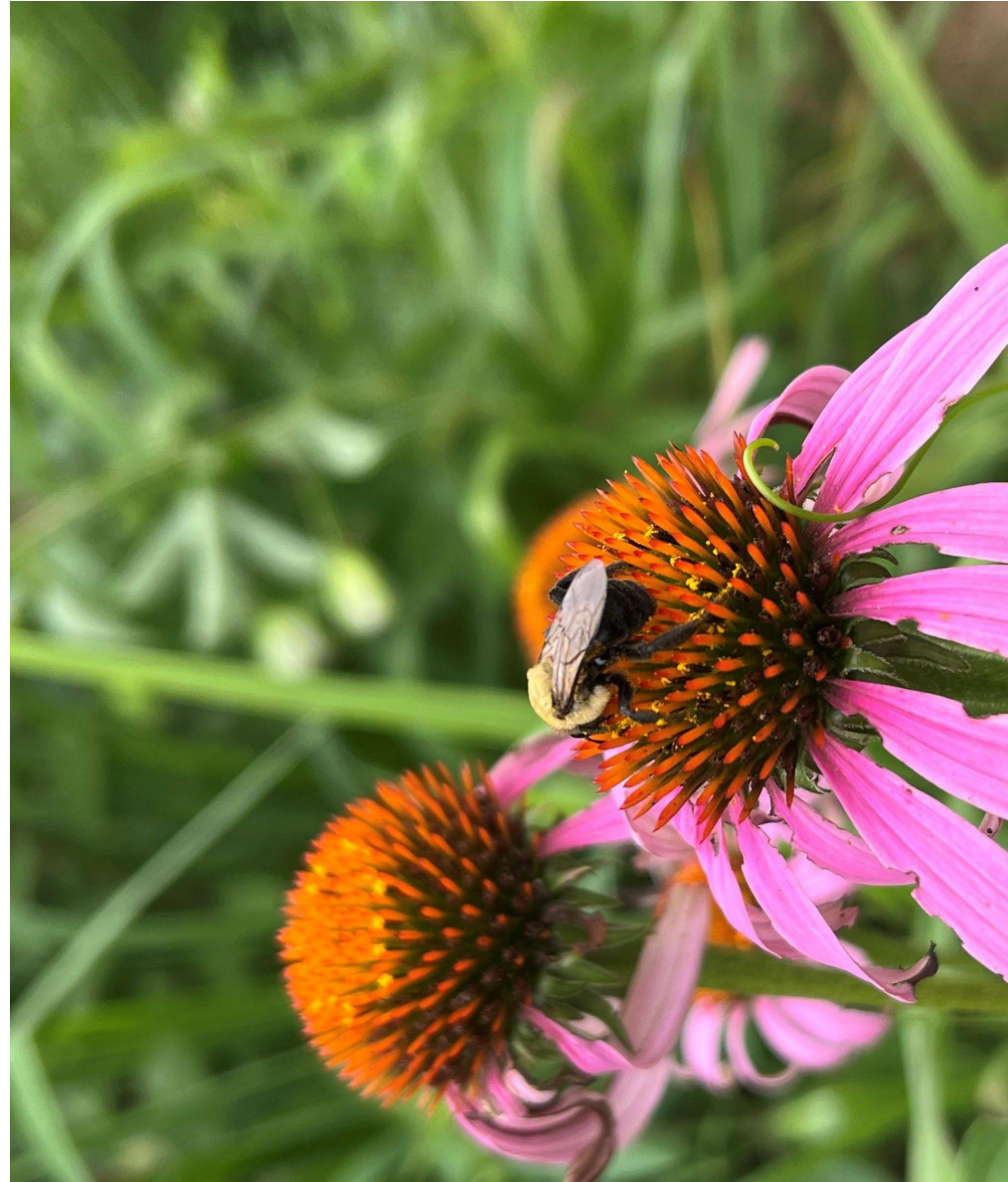




Botanical Garden
of the **Piedmont**

Construction Update for the Charlottesville City Council

November 2, 2026





Garden Groundbreaking, June 4, 2026

From left: Margaret Murray Bloom, Dean Malo Hutson, Monica Angle, Pam Edmonds, Mayor Juandiego Wade, Jill Trischman-Marks

Construction is underway

K+L began work on the
pedestrian bridge the week of
October 19, 2026.

**Lease construction-start
requirement met.**



PHASE 1 | FIRST ELEMENT

Pedestrian Bridge

The bridge will link the gardens on both sides of the stream and connect the Garden to the rest of McIntire Park and the neighborhoods to the south.



Funded

the bridge is fully funded

6 months

to build, through the winter

Spring 2027

expected completion



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AS OF OCTOBER 2026

Capital project fundraising

\$12.95M

raised toward our \$27.5M goal

47%

funded



\$14.55M remaining

WHERE THE \$12.95M HAS COME FROM

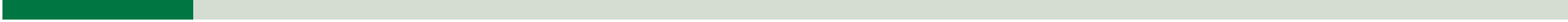
Individuals

\$11.23M / 87%



Foundations

\$1.57M / 12%



Corporations

\$150K / 1%





THE GARDEN TODAY

The Garden is already working

12,000+

visitors last year

250+

events with 8,000+
participants

43,000+

volunteer hours since 2017

365

days a year, free and open

Every Kindergartener in the Garden: 400+ students last spring
Garden Anywhere: traveling education program, launched this fall



OCTOBER 16 – DECEMBER 2, 2026

Garden Exhibition at UVA

UVA School of Architecture, Campbell Hall



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GARDEN *EXHIBITION*

Experience the future of the Garden through an immersive exhibition co-presented by the Botanical Garden of the Piedmont and the University of Virginia School of Architecture.

OCTOBER 16 THROUGH DECEMBER 2

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Learn more at piedmontgarden.org/exhibition

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