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Gateway Gardens Visitor Center Moves Forward

Greensboro, North Carolina – Construction has begun on the 5,000 square foot Visitor Center at Gateway Gardens. The construction contract was awarded to Fabco Construction of Kernersville, and is being funded through voter approved City bond funds. The Visitor Center will serve as an integral part of the Gateway Gardens project located at East Lee and Florida Streets. The first phase of construction will include:

- Public Restroom**
- Vending Area**
- Covered Porch**
- Outdoor Reception Patio**
- Reception Lobby**
- Staff Office**



The exterior shell of the second phase of the building will be included, but not finished inside until funding is secured. The second phase of construction will include:

- Main Lobby**
- Work Room**

- Covered Gathering Place**
- Multi-Purpose Room**

- Caterer's Kitchen**
- Storage**

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Gateway Gardens will eventually span 11 acres and cost between \$8 million and \$10 million to complete. Thus far, the joint partnership between Greensboro Beautiful and Greensboro's Parks & Recreation Department has raised \$5.57 million for the project. City bond funds contributed \$2.5 million of that amount. The remaining balance of about \$3 million has been raised by Greensboro Beautiful through private contributions.

Gateway Gardens has been in the works for more than a decade. The Gardens are already home to several features including a Rain Garden; Children's Garden, Heritage Garden, public artwork, an Icon/Water Sculpture and massive entry wall. Beyond the Visitor Center, future phases of Gateway Gardens will include a Japanese Garden; Wedding & Special Events Garden; and a White Oak Forest. Gateway Gardens is designed not only to serve as a grand entrance into the City of Greensboro, but also as a community gathering place. City officials also hope the project will serve as an economic development tool and a catalyst for additional growth in Southeast Greensboro.

During construction, the Gardens will remain open to the public daily from sunrise to sunset. Donations are needed and welcomed; and naming opportunities are available. To help with this project, contact Greensboro Beautiful at 373-2199 or visit our website at www.GreensboroBeautiful.org

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