

City of Columbus
2013 Capital Bill
Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

Franklin Park Conservatory will receive \$890,000 in the 2013 capital bill from the City of Columbus.

\$800,000 of these funds will be used to reimburse the Conservatory for expenditures to support the implementation of the Phase One of the Master Plan for the Conservatory and Franklin Park.

Phase One of the Master Plan includes three major projects:

The first project, Palm House Additions, includes two 5,000 square foot additions to the historic John F. Wolfe Palm House, roof top gardens, a Brides Garden and a permanent lighting installation in the Palm House by world-renowned artist James Turrell. The expansion of the Conservatory's gardens and facilities will provide an opportunity to increase earned revenue from event sales and catering while enhancing the value proposition for the visitors and clients. The project was completed and dedicated on 8/8/08.

The second project, Community Garden Campus, includes restoration of the historic Caretaker's House, construction of an Education Pavilion, Apiary Building, Summer Kitchen, Community Gardening Shed, a Live Fire Cooking Theatre, commercial and residential rain gardens and numerous horticultural display gardens. The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company Community Garden Campus will serve as a living classroom for the Conservatory's educational programs and will be a catalyst for an expansion of our community gardening program, Growing to Green. The project was completed on schedule and on budget and was dedicated on 9/9/09.

The third project, a 9,300 square foot Production Greenhouse, was completed on schedule and on budget in July, 2011.

A dedication ceremony commemorating successful completion of Phase One of the Master Plan was held on 8/8/11.

The **\$90,000** balance of these funds will be used for the following capital projects:

- Electrical equipment upgrades and repairs -\$20,000
- Back flow deduct meters installation -\$16,000
- Vehicles and equipment purchases and repairs -\$30,000
- Communications equipment upgrades -\$7,500
- Capital maintenance projects (doors, elevators, plumbing) -\$16,500