



CREATE AN HEIRLOOM

Naming Opportunities at
the Leach Teaching Gardens



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NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Be Part of Something Bigger

Your name or the name of a loved one can be a permanent part of the facility by funding a garden, natural area or building. We'd love to meet you to present the many naming opportunities available.

\$2,000,000



Pavilion

\$750,000



Entrance Plaza and Event Lawn

\$250,000

Bridge South

Overlook

Bridge North

Food and Fiber Field

Bee Hive

Gardener's Corner

\$100,000

Weather Station

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THE PAVILION



Promote a Place for Gratitude and Celebration

With space for about 100 seated guests, the 1,600-square-foot Pavilion is an iconic silhouette for The Gardens at Texas A&M University. Its architecture echoes threshing barns popular in central Texas and the Hill Country, paying homage to our agricultural roots. The versatile structure is perfect for both outdoor and indoor events, and is already a popular spot for retreats, banquets, receptions, and educational programs.



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ENTRANCE PLAZA & EVENT LAWN

Welcome the Traveler

The Gardens at Texas A&M University has many green spaces that are designed to host a tour group or an outdoor class, but the Entrance Plaza and Event Lawn are among the most visible parts of The Gardens. This gorgeous oasis is the first part of The Gardens that most guests see.

This major entrance and gathering space is the primary outdoor event venue of the Leach Teaching Gardens. Every day, the Event Lawn welcomes visitors, students, and faculty for group exercises, picnic lunches, studying, and setting up the occasional hammock. More than 1,500 people attend the annual College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Tailgate alone. For tailgates, weddings, receptions, banquets, and other special gatherings, the lawn is set with large tents.

The lawn is scattered with picturesque post oaks that provide shade and bordered by floral displays. Nearby is our bioswale, a unique research project to test plants' ability to filter impurities from water. Conveniently located next to spots for food trucks, the Event Lawn and Entrance Plaza are a space to create community.



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WHITE CREEK BRIDGES AND RESTORATION

Keep Texas A&M's Beloved Creek Flowing

As green space disappears from the Brazos Valley, one countermeasure is repairing and sustaining White Creek and the surrounding riparian zone. These natural areas provide habitats for plants and animals and act as living classrooms for students of all ages.

Upstream and Downstream Bridges

Two wide bridges enable the flow of pedestrians through The Gardens, greeting students as they walk between classes. The bridges are also popular photo locations and sites for Scout bridge ceremonies.



White Creek Riparian Zone

White Creek and its banks offer a place for students and community members to gain in-the-field experience in ecology, land management, and other disciplines. This outdoor teaching area is focused on conservation and preservation of river areas, storm water management, nonpoint source pollution, and more. The creek and surrounding savannah are critical to sustaining wildlife such as fish, beavers, and nearly 150 bird species. And, the creek is key to stormwater management on west campus.

Texas A&M invested \$1.5 million in the initial creek restoration efforts, working with ecologists and engineers to ensure that the natural habitats and aesthetic were maintained and stormwater regulations were met. The Gardens seek additional funding to enhance and maintain this living natural feature.

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THE OVERLOOK

Adopt a Romantic Point of View

Adjacent to the Bird Garden and surrounded by wildflowers, the Overlook perches above the restored White Creek. The sheltered spot serves as a respite from a busy day, a place to commune with nature and see and hear the birds that reside around White Creek. The wide wooden deck, benches, and tall roof create a casual feel, perfect for study sessions, brown bag lunches, and small gatherings. It has become a popular spot for impromptu outdoors class sessions — and for marriage proposals.



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THE FOOD & FIBER FIELD

Set the Table for Responsive Agriculture

The Food and Fiber Field highlights Texas A&M AgriLife's research commitment to sustainably nourish a growing world population. A unique feature in a public garden, our center pivot showcases the latest in smart irrigation practices. (We even control it through an app.)



This little field lets students and visitors take a close look at the primary agronomic crops of Texas at various stages of growth. Each planting is designed to convey the importance of agriculture to daily life and demonstrates our commitment to working with agricultural producers.

In such a large, diverse state, numerous crops can be grown successfully. But there's still much to be learned about soil chemistry, crop production, weed science, environmental quality, and entomology. All this affects what we can plant and how often we can plant it. Partnering with our soil and crop sciences faculty and students, we grow crops all year, giving visitors the chance to touch a cotton boll or stand in the corn stalks.



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THE BEE HIVE

Support One of the World's Greatest Treasures

Honey and beeswax are only two of the many gifts that bees provide. These valuable insects are major pollinators of many crops and plants in the natural landscape.



In fact, one third of the global food supply is pollinated by bees. Without bees, we would not have very much to eat! Simply put, bees keep vegetables, fruit, and landscapes alive.

In today's urbanized world, bees face huge challenges that have diminished their populations. The Bee Yard will safely display a live, backyard-scale apiary. This area will showcase Texas A&M apiary research and teach visitors how to encourage and nurture bee populations.

Your gift will create a screened shelter, beehive boxes, decorative perimeter fencing, and walkways.



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THE WEATHER STATION

Know Which Way the Wind Blows

Weather impacts our health, the food we eat, the water we drink, the air we breathe, and the things we are able to do. In every corner of the world, weather affects everyone and everything — gardens especially!



The Weather Station at The Gardens will consist of multiple sensors to collect real-time weather data. Partnering with the Department of Atmospheric Sciences, the station will allow students and faculty to monitor and better understand weather impacts. Gifts will support a structure to house data monitors and interpretation systems, a tower with weather instruments, and walkways.

Visit [metone.com/products/industrial-weather-station](https://www.metone.com/products/industrial-weather-station) to see an example.



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GARDENER'S CORNER

Look After Those Who Tend to The Gardens

The Gardener's Corner will offer our gardening team a pleasant space to get out of the elements, organize their work, or take a lunch break.



The structure will also facilitate our experiments with using compost and other soil amendments to improve soil quality. We're excited to build, use, and demonstrate a top-notch, attractive composting system.

And, as any gardener knows, cultivating, weeding, transplanting, and pruning requires trowels, spades, shears, gloves, and more. The shelter will offer a convenient place to store our multitude of gardening tools and supplies and lawn-care equipment.

The Gardener's Corner will include quarry block soil bins, a shade structure, work tables, walkways, and a weathering steel shipping container shed. The building and features will exhibit architectural elements defined throughout The Gardens.



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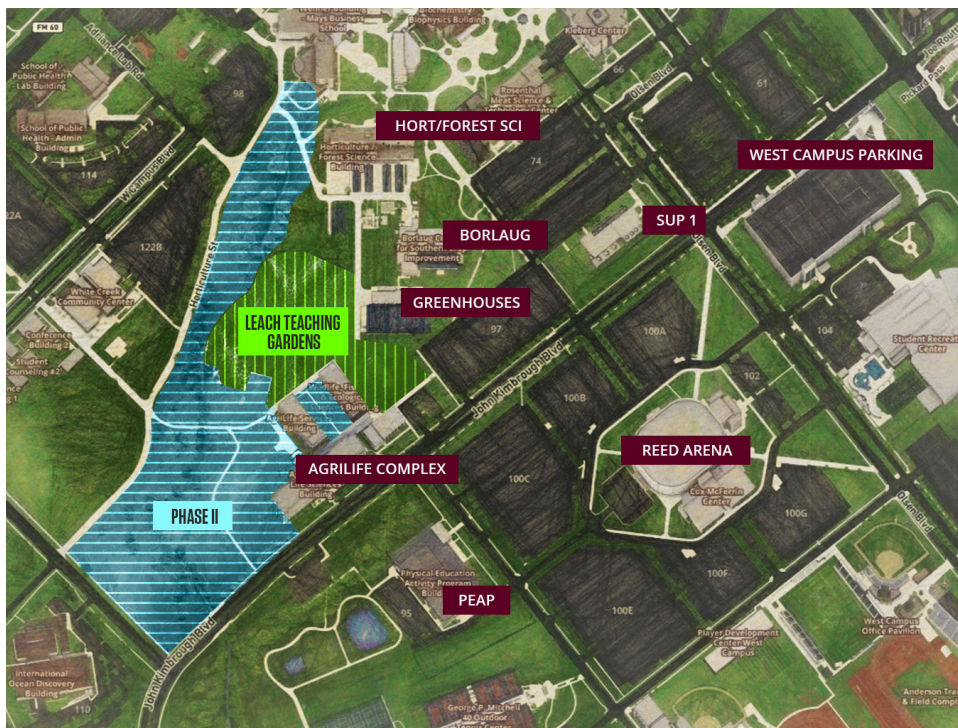


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LET'S GROW TOGETHER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Gardens at Texas A&M University-Phase II

We're planting the seeds for Phase II! Our next 20 acres is currently being planned and designed with Rhotenberry Wellen Architects of Midland and White Oak Studio of Houston. We also plan to bring back an Aggie tradition in The Grove, where students can gather and grow together. Phase II of The Gardens will bring the story of AgriLife to life, featuring unique programs such as our enology (winemaking) certificate, Texas Superstar plants and more. We are committed to creating a vibrant community in a unique outdoor setting filled with the best of Texas A&M's agriculture, science, art, and traditions.



The Future is Bright

Naming opportunities and sponsorship levels are currently being developed. Call us to be among the first to grow our next phase!

- Phase II Elements
- Lou Cashion Memorial Garden
- The Grove
- Family/Children's Garden
- Rose Gardens
- Educational and event venues

...and many more in design!

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