



Potential Friends Projects

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Potential Friends Projects Identification Process

- **Review ideas contained in consultants report from 2003**
- **Supplement with other ideas**
- **Discuss with HBC for practicality and need**
- **Discuss projects with other Friends groups**
- **Review various fund-raising opportunities and what types of projects are preferred**
- **Narrow down the list to several projects for greater examination**
- **Perform limited research into these projects for practicality**
- **Prepare briefing to membership on results**

Note: All ideas remain open for consideration



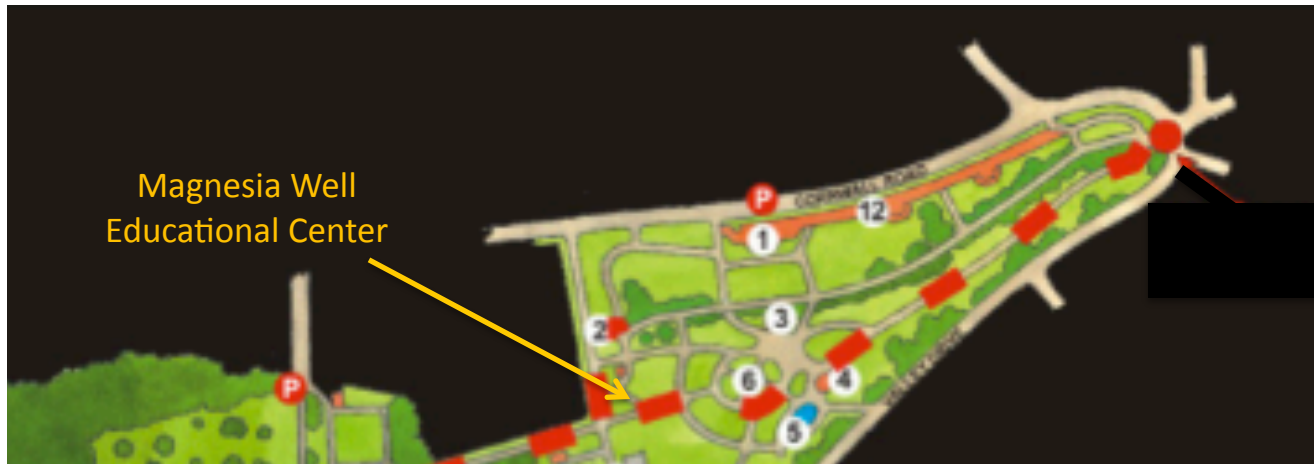
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Magnesia Well Educational Center



Concept

- Adapt the Magnesia Well Pump Room to house a small permanent exhibition about the mineral springs and the development of the Gardens.

Benefits

- Returns to the public a marvelous old building while providing useful information in a pleasant environment.
- Restores the landscaping surrounding the Pump Room which has become overgrown.
- Acts as an incentive for visitors to walk to this side of the park and enhances the area adjacent to the New Zealand Garden.



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Magnesia Well Educational Center



Magnesia Well Pump Room circa 1860



Magnesia Well Pump Room Today



Area around the Pump Room needs
refurbishment



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Magnesia Well Educational Center



Possible Layout for Room



Typical Educational Boards



Woodland Walk



Concept

Create a “Woodland Walk” on the south side of the stream. Include new planting and bridges.

Benefits

- Opens up a large portion of the Park that is now unused by the general public.
- Provides a woodland area within Valley Gardens with unpaved paths, shade, and an entirely different feeling from the more developed areas.
- Provides new view points and sight lines of the gardens
- Highlights some of the key features of the Gardens including the stream and the duck Island, but from a totally different perspective.



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Woodland Walk – Current State



Entrance near Cafe. Fence in wooded area is falling down and serves no purpose



Entrance near Cafe. Foot paths already exist, but are little known and overgrown



Duck Pond. A different perspective.



New open areas around the stream with new shaded view points



Woodland Walk – Current State



Stream near duck pond



Existing path east of the duck pond



Existing paths east of the duck pond. Some are too high and near Valley Drive. Others are too steep. All need cleaning up.



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Green Park Entrance Renovation



Concept

Several years ago, the pillar at this entrance crumbled and has been lost. The remaining pillar is in disrepair. This project would identify a suitable alternate entrance design and have it implemented. The design could be anything from an arch to pillars to gates.

Benefits

- Eliminates an eye sore and a very poor first impression of Valley Gardens.
- New design concept could provide an entrance consistent with the quality of the rest of the Park.



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Green Park Entrance Renovation



Entrance with 2 Pillars



Current Entrance



Existing Pillar is not in good shape.





Far East Garden Refurbishment

Concept

The area originally designated as the Japanese Garden, located just west of the boating pond, is barely recognizable as such now. The garden could be redesigned around the stream valley to include bridges, stone, and other features of far east gardens as well as re-landscaping with far eastern plants.



Benefits

- Recovers an area of the Gardens that is currently in a poor state
- Reestablishes the Far Eastern garden theme and creates a unique area different from the rest of Valley Gardens



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Far East Garden Refurbishment



Entrance from east



Entrance from west



Stream bed and landscaping are not in good shape. Could refurbish with Far Eastern structures and plants



Friends Projects Next Steps

- **Determine our priorities**
 - **Recommendation is to limit our initial project selection to 1 or 2**
 - **All ideas are open to discussion**
 - There are many more things that need to be done. If you have other ideas, please let the group know.
 - **Vote needed to finalize**
- **Set up project sub-committees**
 - **Need volunteers**
- **Fund raising will be made easier when projects are “underway”**