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Memphis Botanic Garden to Build Family Bathroom Facility

Family-focused pavilion coming to south end of Garden

Memphis, TN – The Memphis Botanic Garden (MBG) announced today that its Board of Directors has approved the construction of a new *bathroom facility* on the south end of the Garden grounds. This is the third (of four) projects envisioned as part of the current *Rooted at Park and Cherry* capital campaign. The building will house four (4) unisex / family restrooms with each being ADA compliant, including a baby changing table. The exterior of the building will feature a water fountain, bottle filler, and an accessible hand / fruit / vegetable wash sink.

“This has been a need of the Garden for decades and on our ‘wish list’ for almost as long,” said Michael D. Allen, Executive Director. “Over the past few years, we have been diligently working to better activate the southernmost part of our Garden. With the creation of our *Urban Home Garden* and its accompanying Chicken Coop, and more recently, the modernization of our 3.5-acre Arboretum, including the building of two new outdoor classrooms, the need for close, convenient family-oriented bathrooms has become more acute. This project will alleviate that concern and – we are confident – increase activities on the south end of our campus,” said Allen.

Construction is set to begin this month with completion planned for spring 2024. FourFront Design (formerly Fleming Architects) was the lead designer of this project, assisted by Dalhoff Thomas Design Studio for landscape design, and Grinder Taber Grinder will be the general contractor.

The Memphis Botanic Garden is a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization dedicated to being an exemplary center for horticulture and environmental enrichment. Serving over 40,000 school-aged children annually, and hosting 260,000 visitors each year, Memphis Botanic Garden strives to enhance lives by connecting people with nature, increasing awareness and appreciation of our environment.