



CELEBRATES

130 Years of Service

Dec. 7, 1893 – Dec. 7, 2023

30 Years as a Nonprofit

1993 – 2023

Built in 1893, at a cost of \$110,000, as a gift to the people of Pittsburgh by Henry Phipps, Phipps Conservatory has always been a space for reconnecting with the beauty of nature. Set amidst one of Pittsburgh's largest greenspaces, Schenley Park, the Conservatory opened as a respite where people could come to escape the stress and pollution of the city at the height of the industrial revolution.

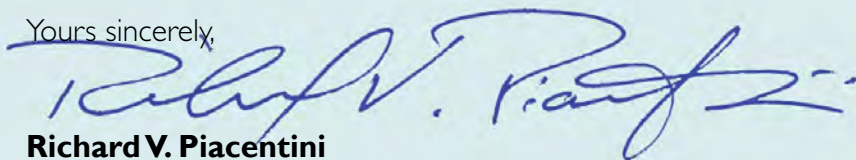
In 1993, Phipps was transferred from city to nonprofit management, and repairs to the historic structure started immediately in the Palm Court. In late 1994, we began to develop a multi-phase master plan that would expand our programs and facilities, not yet realizing that the process would ultimately transform the Conservatory into an internationally recognized leader in sustainability. Over the last 30 years we have invested over \$100 million dollars in capital improvements – from a new Welcome Center; Tropical Forest Conservatory and Production Greenhouse to renovations of our 1893 glasshouse and construction of several of the greenest buildings in the world – and true to our very first day, the innate affinity for nature's beauty remains at our core.

People seek to understand and protect the things they find beautiful, which uniquely positions a place like Phipps to demonstrate important lessons about how to live and work in harmony with the natural world. That's the principal that's driven our mission for the past 130 years, and we wouldn't be able to do it without the support of friends and neighbors like you.

As you enjoy this collection of photos, which spotlights our traditions and evolution from the very start to the present day, all of us at Phipps wish to extend our thanks for your support of all we do.

With heartfelt gratitude and a hopeful look toward the years at Phipps to come, I remain

Yours sincerely,



Richard V. Piacentini

President and CEO





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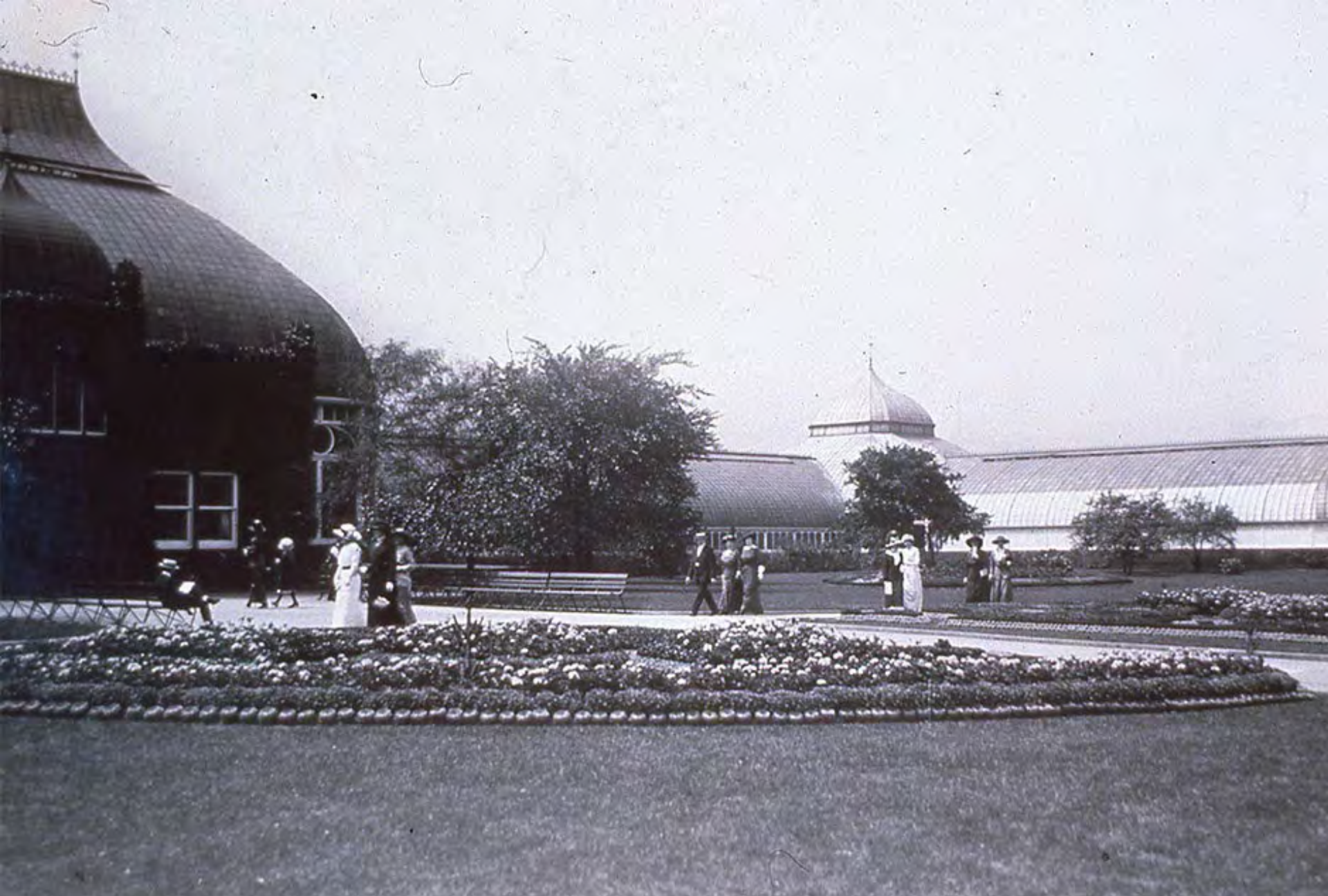
Phipps Opens

1893



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Founder Henry Phipps



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Early Phipps Visitors

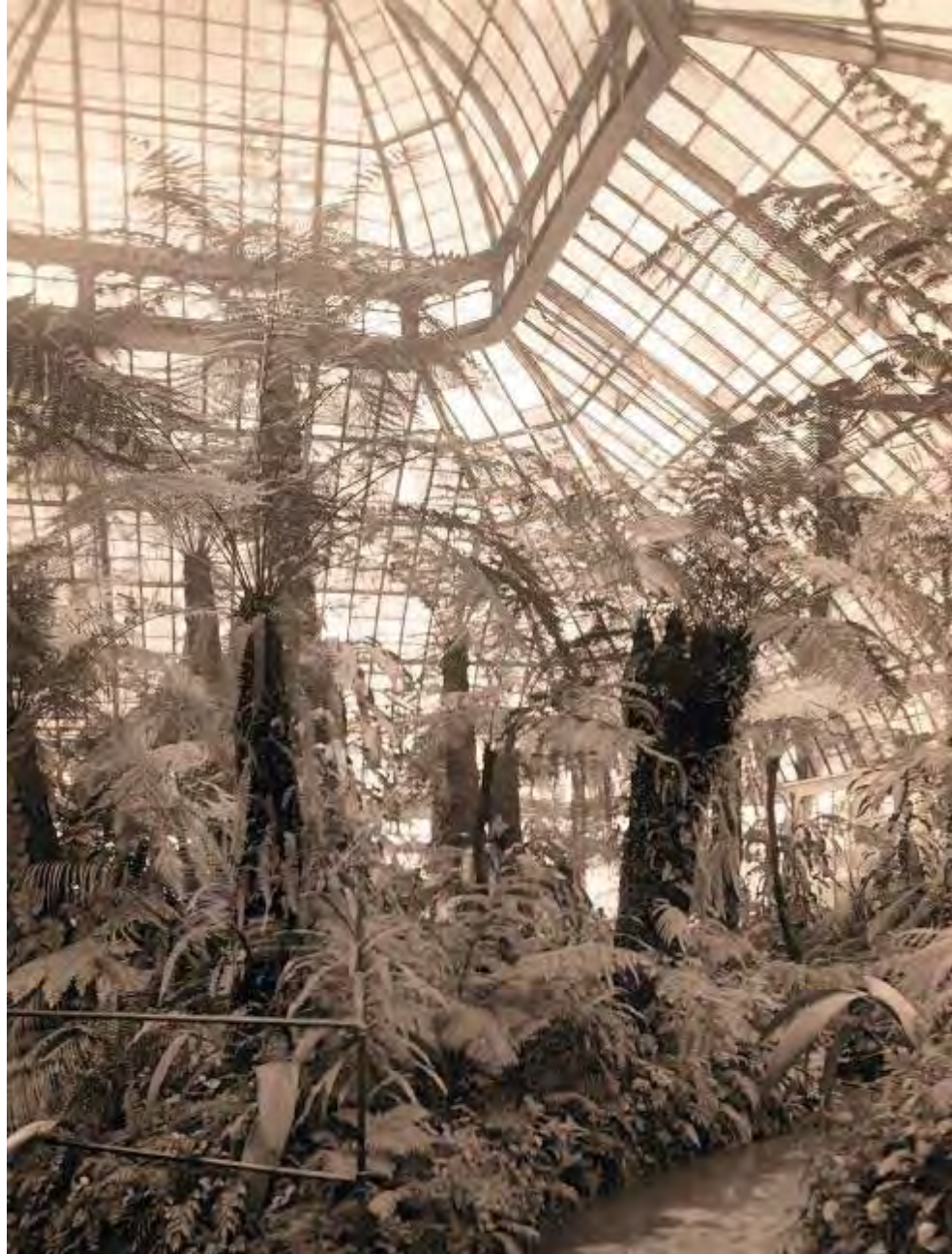






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Desert Room, 1903





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Fall Flower Show, 1909



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Phipps employees, 1920s



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Fall Flower Show, 1929





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Fall Flower Show, 1932







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Phipps entrance, 1939



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Easter Sunday, 1940s





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Spring Flower Show, 1952



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Original entrance, 1967



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Renovated entrance, 1960s



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Closed for renovations, 1978





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Japanese Courtyard Garden, 1991



Phipps Signs Lease with the City of Pittsburgh 1993





Palm Court
First Renovation
1993



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Palm Court

DURING



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Palm Court

DURING



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Palm Court

AFTER



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Serpentine Room, 1994





Discovery Garden

1995



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Discovery Garden

BEFORE



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Botany Hall

1998





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Botany Hall

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Welcome Center

2005



30 Years as a Nonprofit | 1993 – 2023

Welcome Center

BEFORE



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Welcome Center

BEFORE





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Moving the *Metasequoias*

DURING



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Geoblock Lawn Grid

BEFORE



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Geoblock Lawn Grid

AFTER



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Welcome Center

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Production Greenhouse

2006



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Production Greenhouse

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Tropical Forest Conservatory 2006



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Tropical Forest Conservatory

AFTER



One of the most energy-efficient conservatories in the world



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Tropical Forest Conservatory

AFTER



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A Special Guest



10,493 likes

phippscconservatory

Thanks for the visit, Sir Mick Jagger! Hope you had a 'Ruby Tuesday' among the flowers at Phipps!

Photo via @mickjagger



30 Years as a Nonprofit | 1993 – 2023

A Special Guest



Sarris Special Events Suite
and Edible Rooftop
Garden
2006



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Sarris Special Events Suite

BEFORE



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Sarris Special Events Suite

AFTER



30 Years as a Nonprofit | 1993 – 2023 Edible Garden (Special Events Roof) AFTER



G20 Pittsburgh Summit 2009

















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G20 Pittsburgh Summit



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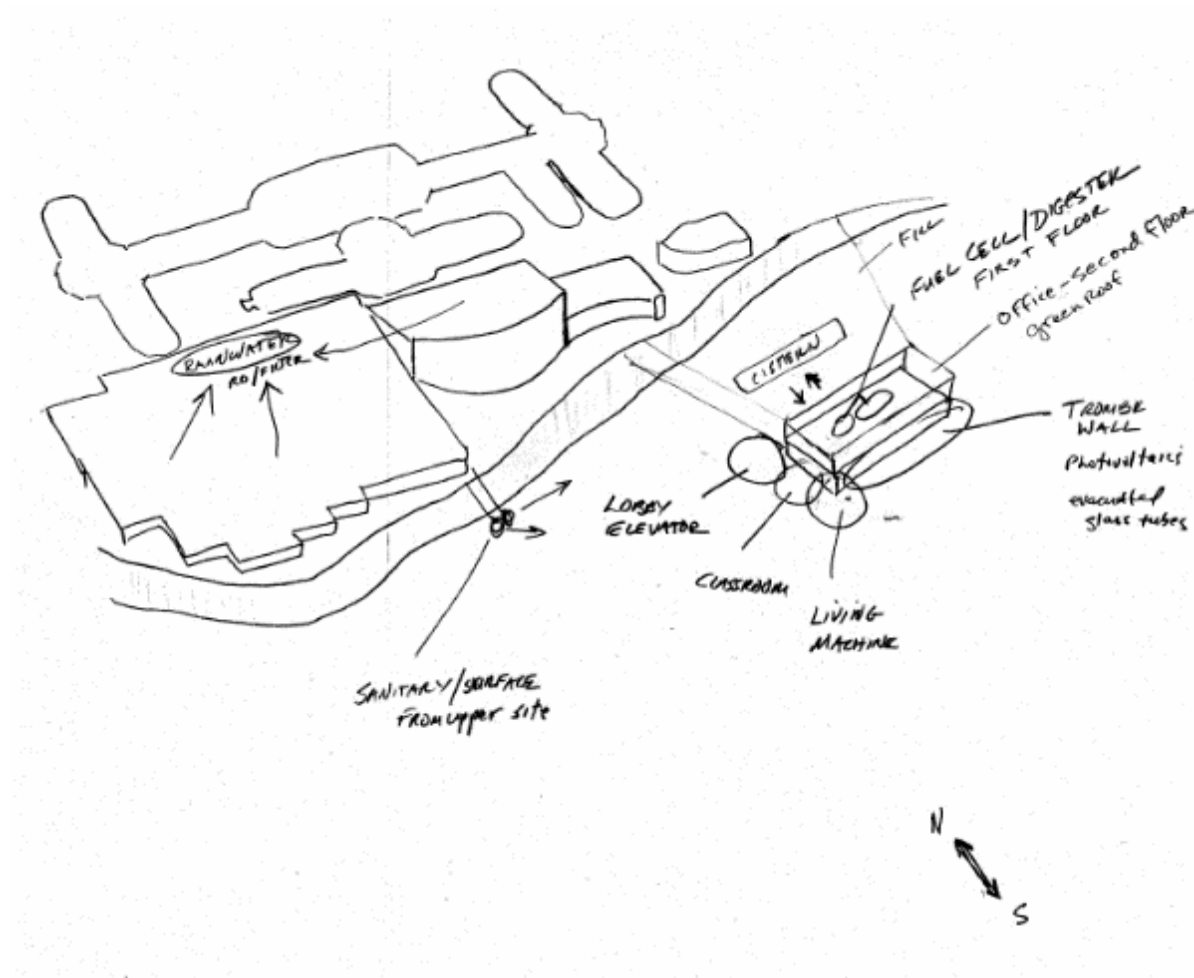
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G20 Pittsburgh Summit





Center for Sustainable Landscapes 2012





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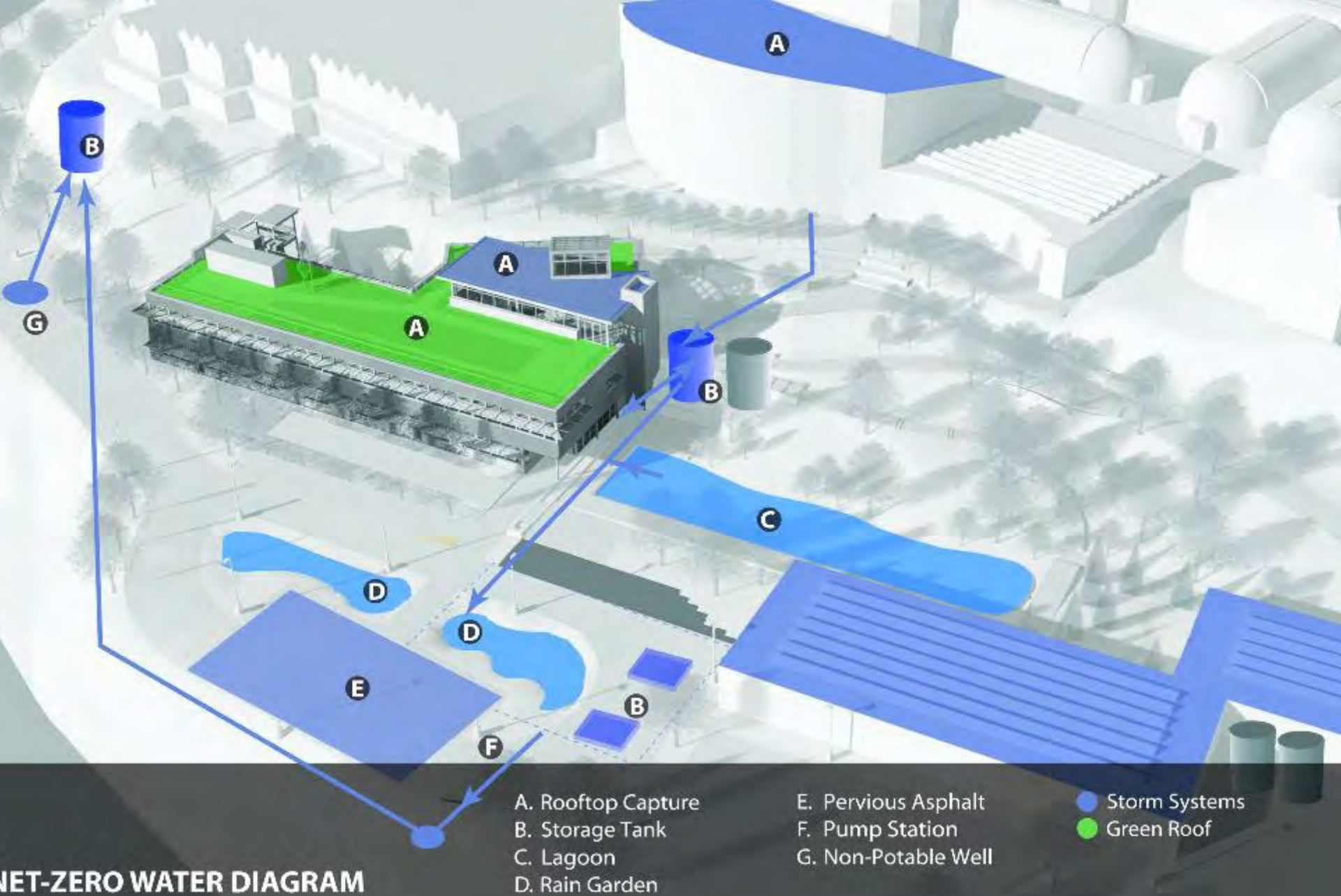
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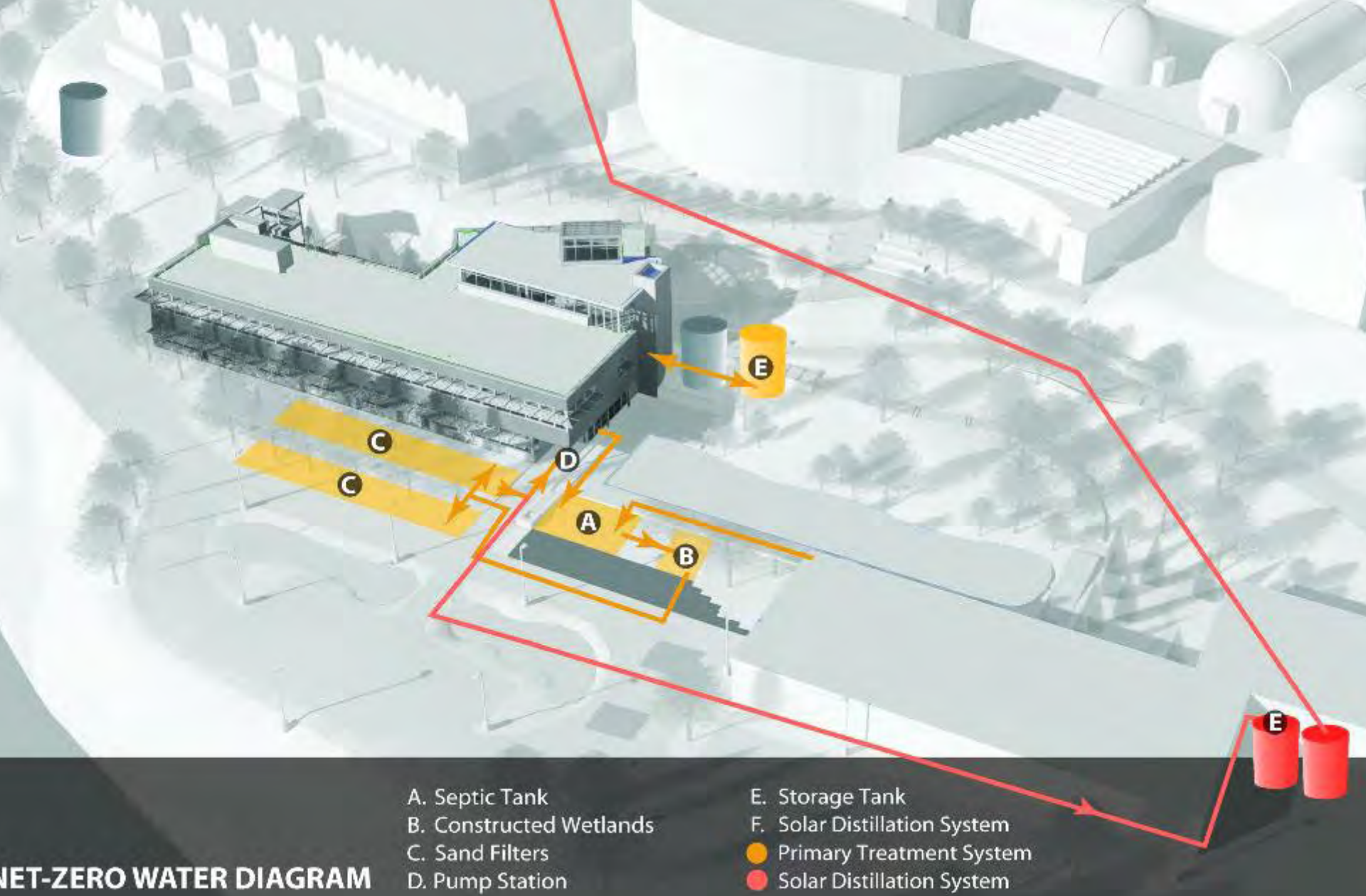
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The Nature Lab at Phipps 2015



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The Nature Lab at Phipps

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The Nature Lab at Phipps

AFTER



Palm Court and Ogee Restoration 2018



30 Years as a Nonprofit | 1993 – 2023 Palm Court and Ogee Restoration

BEFORE



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Exhibit Staging Center 2019



30 Years as a Nonprofit | 1993 – 2023

Exhibit Staging Center BEFORE



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Exhibit Staging Center AFTER



Living Campus 2019



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Living Campus

BEFORE



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Living Campus

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Living Campus

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Living Campus

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Living Campus

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Glasshouse Restoration

Ongoing
2010 – 2023

11 of 13 Rooms Completed



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Glasshouse Restoration

BEFORE



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Glasshouse Restoration

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Garden Center In Progress

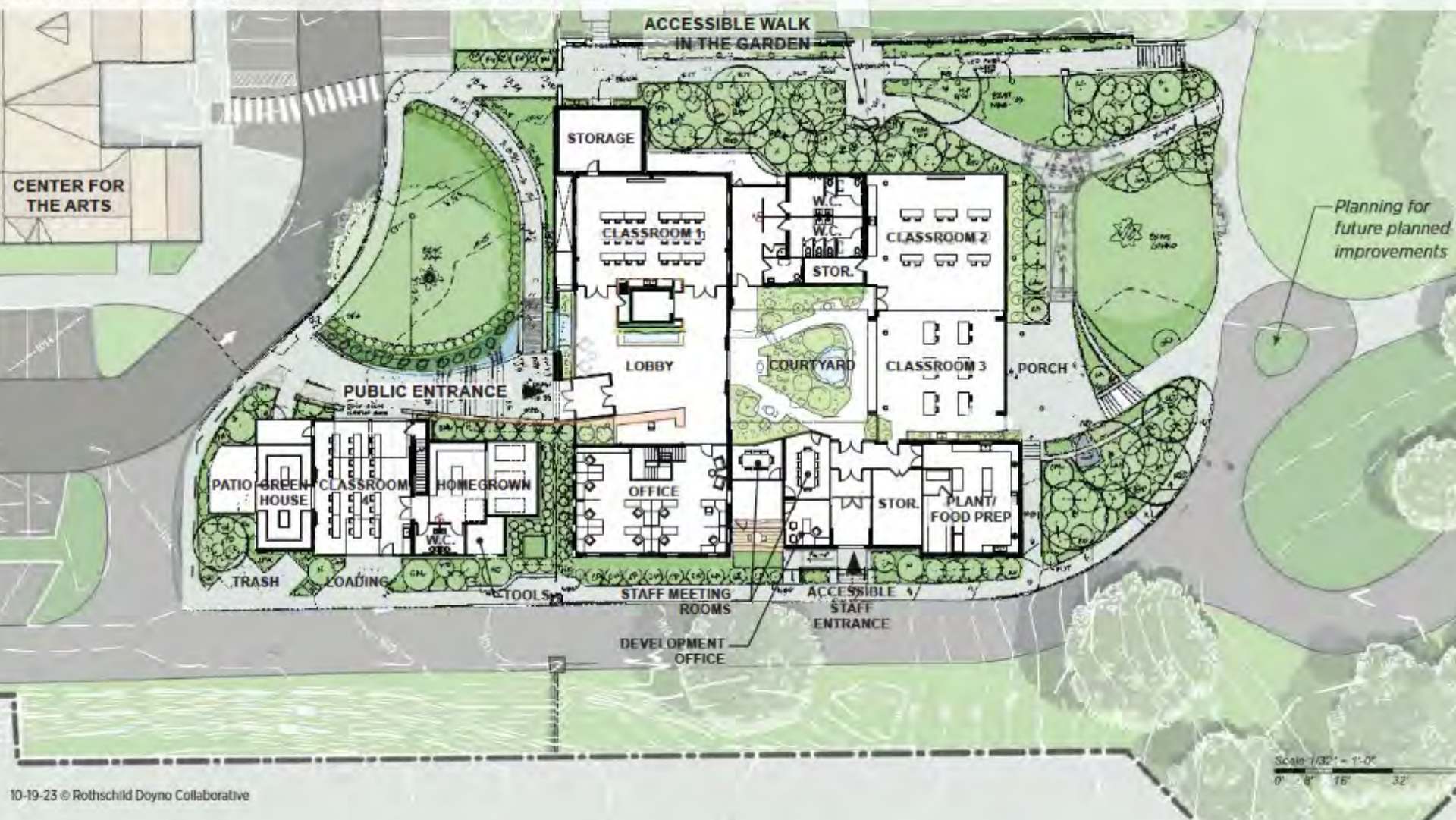


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Garden Center Renovation IN PROGRESS

THE PHIPPS GARDEN CENTER AT MELLON PARK

Proposed building and landscape improvements





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Thanks for viewing!
See you again at Phipps soon!