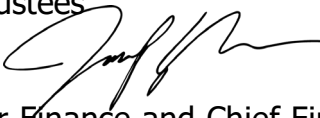


April 23, 2025

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Jeffrey P. Geoghegan, CPA   
Executive Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer

RE: Project Budget for Peace Garden (formerly known as Reflection Garden)  
(Final: \$1,240,000)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Trustees approves the Final Budget of \$1,240,000, as detailed in the attached project budget, for the Peace Garden project, an increase of \$440,000 over the previously approved budget of \$800,000. The Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the Resolution below.

**RESOLUTION:**

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the use of \$1,165,000 in Gift Funds, and \$75,000 in University Funds for the Reflection Garden project."

**BACKGROUND:**

This project was initiated in 2022 by two friends, active donors, and alumni who envisioned an outdoor space that fosters wellness, inclusivity, tolerance, and peace. In coordination and collaboration with the donors, UConn Foundation, the Provost, the Dean of Students, Global Affairs, Student Life & Enrollment, student leaders, and numerous campus stakeholders, the project will renovate an existing tree and lawn area to a garden space on the east side of Babbidge Library in Storrs.

The design framework was inspired by the Golden Spiral – a logarithmic spiral whose growth factor is  $\phi$ , or the Golden Ratio. That is, a golden spiral gets wider (or further from its origin) by a factor of  $\phi$  for every quarter turn it makes. Found in nature like a shell, a plant, a flower, a human ear, a hurricane or an entire galaxy, the Golden Spiral also symbolizes unity, providing a balance within a world full of diversity and change while fostering harmony, understanding, and peace.

Program elements include hardscape, concrete pavement, specialty pavers, and porous pavement. Plantings include flowering trees, deciduous shade trees, evergreen hedges, flowering shrubs and lawn areas. Site amenities include granite block seat walls with inspirational quotes and separately gifted sculptures positioned in the center of the space named "Contemplation" – an interactive installation that invites people to view themselves, their environment, and others as they experience tranquil surroundings. Site utilities include drainage, lighting and electrical relocations required to complete the project.

The Final Budget and artist renderings are attached for your information.

Attachment

## **CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET REPORTING FORM**

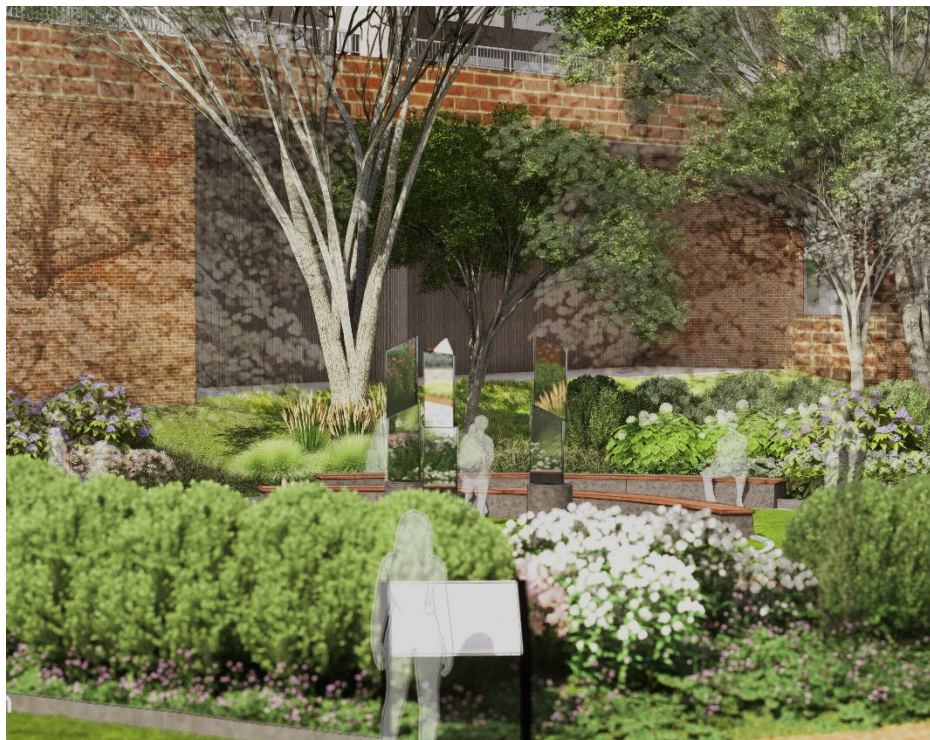
**TYPE BUDGET:**               **FINAL**

**PROJECT NAME:**           **PEACE GARDEN (formerly known as Reflection Garden)**

	<b>APPROVED PLANNING 1/29/2024</b>	<b>APPROVED DESIGN 12/11/2024</b>	<b>PROPOSED FINAL 4/23/2025</b>
<b><u>BUDGETED EXPENDITURES</u></b>			
	PRC		
CONSTRUCTION	\$ -	\$ 600,000	\$ 970,000
DESIGN SERVICES	120,000	70,000	90,000
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	-	12,500	10,000
FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT	-	7,500	25,000
CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION	-	15,000	20,000
OTHER AE SERVICES (including Project Management)	20,000	5,000	10,000
ART	-	-	-
RELOCATION	-	-	-
ENVIRONMENTAL	-	5,000	7,500
INSURANCE AND LEGAL	5,000	-	-
MISCELLANEOUS	-	5,000	7,500
OTHER SOFT COSTS	-	-	-
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 145,000</b>	<b>\$ 720,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,140,000</b>
PROJECT CONTINGENCY	46,330	80,000	100,000
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 191,330</b>	<b>\$ 800,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,240,000</b>
<b><u>SOURCE(S) OF FUNDING*</u></b>			
GIFT FUNDS	\$ 191,330	\$ 725,000	\$ 1,165,000
UNIVERSITY FUNDS	-	75,000	75,000
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED FUNDING</b>	<b>\$ 191,330</b>	<b>\$ 800,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,240,000</b>

\* This budget reflects the University's current intended source(s) of funding for the specified project. The University may adjust this funding plan in order to ensure compliance with applicable federal and state law(s) or to strategically utilize all fund sources, within the approved budget amount, as appropriate.

PEACE GARDEN  
*(formerly known as Reflection Garden)*  
Project Budget (FINAL)  
April 23, 2025



*Site Plan and View into Garden*