

Thank you to the more than 6,500 local residents who recently joined the effort to support the VITAL MISSION PLAN.

Tending to your Garden

For more than a decade we have been working with the community to create a plan to improve our 50-year old facilities. Today we lack adequate space to fulfill our mission. As the Garden has increased in size from 23 to 78 acres, we have not added new facilities.

Our world-renowned herbarium specimens and library collections are not being stored properly, our botanists and horticulturists lack lab space, and our classrooms are grossly inadequate. And because we lost 60 acres of the Garden in the Jesusita Fire, we must rebuild.

This is the bare-bones of what we need to carry out our mission of research and education. That is why we call it the VITAL MISSION PLAN. The plan adds less than 20,000 square feet of net new Garden buildings to allow us to continue our mission.

The Jesusita Fire destroyed more than 60 acres of the Botanic Garden, including the historic Gane House.



We provide hands-on plant science and conservation programs and resources not offered in local schools or universities.



Our "Living laboratory" enables researchers to better understand and appreciate the botanical world, including its impact on global climate.



98.5 percent of the Garden will remain unbuilt once the Vital Mission Plan is completed.

