DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS
FREYER-NEWMAN CENTER FOR SCIENCE, ART AND EDUCATION

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Since 1951, the Denver Botanic Gardens has grown to become a center for science, horticultural display, art and education to connect people with plants. Annual attendance exceeds 1.3 million visitors, making it one of the most visited public gardens in North America.

The Freyer-Newman Center for Science, Art and Education is the culmination of more than a decade of expansion in support of the Gardens’ core values: relevance, diversity, sustainability and transformation. The Center will house a growing collection at the highest standards and provide broader community access. It will house gallery space for one or multiple exhibits, exhibits complementing outdoor exhibits or providing unique experiences. The Center will enable the transformation of the Boettcher Memorial Center basement into Kid Central — a safe indoor zone with capacity for school programs and camps. It will have four flexible classroom spaces and dedicated botanical illustration studios with access off York Street. It will have an auditorium for public lectures and film series, state-of-the-art labs and new herbaria. It will add 142 parking spaces to improve access and reduce stress on the neighborhood.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Location: 1007 York St.
District: 10
Neighborhood: City Park
Elevate Denver Funded Amount: $18 million
Designer: Davis Partnership
Contractor: G.H. Phipps

PROJECT BENEFITS

Centralized space with flexible interaction and improved safety
Added capacity for public engagement and roader access
Maximized opportunity for educational programs and camps

KEY MILESTONES

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