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Graeser Family Education Center

## Waterfront Botanical Gardens announces contract with Whittenberg Construction to build first building

**LOUISVILLE, KY** – May 16, 2018. Waterfront Botanical Gardens is a \$60 mil. development project to build a world-class botanical garden on a 23-acre landfill site in the Butchertown neighborhood. Construction on the site started in Fall 2017 with T&C Contracting.

The Graeser Family Education Center will be the first building on the property: an education/event venue that will accommodate 250 people. Whittenberg construction has been hired to build the 6,000+ sq. ft. facility. Construction of the Graeser Family Education Center will begin in 30 days. Estimated opening of the building is Fall 2019.

“We are excited that the site is under construction, and the building construction will begin soon. We’ve worked a long time to get to this point. T&C Contracting and Whittenberg are excellent choices to work with us on a project as important as this for Louisville,” said Kasey Maier, Executive Director of Waterfront Botanical Gardens.

According to Andy Mays, President of Whittenberg Construction, their company is passionate about building places that benefit our families, our neighbors, and our community. “Whittenberg is thrilled to be selected as Construction Manager for Waterfront Botanical Gardens. This project is transformative for our Riverfront, the Beargrass Creek Corridor, the City of Louisville, and our region. Every modern city needs a botanical garden to provide experience and education about nature and plants. This is especially beneficial to our children and grandchildren and we are proud to help create this legacy.”

Phase 1 of the project includes the Graeser Family Education Center, the Beargrass Creek Pathway, multiple gardens, water features, a greenhouse, a classroom and more. When fully built, Waterfront Botanical Gardens will include three buildings, multiple gardens, 2 ½ miles of walking paths, and more. Botanica Inc., dba Waterfront Botanical Gardens is a 501©3 organization building the project.

*Waterfront Botanical Gardens’ mission is to develop experiences that promote appreciation and understanding of plants for a more harmonious and sustainable world. The vision is to create a botanical garden and conservatory of extraordinary beauty that engages, enlightens, and inspires people about plants, nature, the environment, and sustainability.*

*More information is available at [waterfrontgardens.org](http://waterfrontgardens.org).*