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FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS & SCULPTURE PARK

Honoring a Legacy of Love

Location Grand Rapids, MI

Size 90,000 sf + extensive site work

OAK's role Construction Manager

Currently under construction, this \$115 million capital expansion project includes several new buildings, totaling over 100,000 sf, and extensive renovations and reconfigurations to the 158-acre campus. O-A-K has overseen all work at the [Frederik Meijer Gardens](#) since their inception in 1995. This capital expansion began in September 2017. All facilities will be ready by early 2023.

Recently completed:

- A new 20,000 sf, LEED-certified Covenant Learning Center, connected to the current facility, featuring six classrooms and an interactive education area (recipient of 2019 ABC Excellence in Construction award)
- A new Padnos Rooftop Sculpture Garden on the roof of the Covenant Learning Center
- A new Peter C. and Emajean (Pat) Cook Transportation Center to transport people within the 158-acre park
- Expanded and upgraded Frederik Meijer Gardens Amphitheater, to increase seating capacity

Under construction:

- A new 69,000 sf, LEED-certified Welcome Center, featuring a new plaza that will bridge the space between the main entrance and outdoor amphitheater.

Upcoming:

- A reimagined and expanded BISSELL Inc. Scenic Corridor
- A new Meijer-Shedleski Picnic Pavilion
- Expanded and accessible parking and urban gardens

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The park attracts more than 700,000 visitors a year, and contributes more than \$75 million annually to the Kent County economy, according to a 2016 economic impact study, conducted by Grand Valley State University.



Outside the newly constructed main entrance leading to the new Welcome Center. In attendance were both members and GVSU Student Section members.

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Inside the 60,000 sq-ft new LEED certified Welcome Center (main corridor).

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Our host during the two-hour tour, K.C. Mitchell, Director of Facilities Management and Security. And Dr. Mingyu Wu, Associate Professor of OSHM/GVSU and VP of WM Chapter/Past President.