

# Sector Plan Vision

## Garden in a Forest

The Devonian Botanic Garden will be an internationally recognized institution offering authentic garden experiences rooted in a unique natural and cultural landscape. The garden will inspire appreciation for nature, interdisciplinary research, academic scholarship, and experiential learning. Building on the garden's heritage, the future Devonian Botanic Garden will connect to broader audiences through new and refined collections, appropriate complimentary expansion and year round programs.

## Sector Plan Principles

### Interdisciplinary Academic Research for Scholarship and Engagement

We will continue to advance and support the Academic Plan and faculty of the university.

### Conservation of the Natural and Cultural Environment

The garden's stunning natural setting provides the overall framework for the visitor experience and the garden's identity. Its conservation is paramount to support the continuity of the garden's heritage.

### Experiential Learning

Educational programs for people of all ages and abilities immerse students in the landscape and laboratories, creating a connection with plants and natural systems. The garden will use new technologies to further connect visitors with the landscape, integrating digital practices and infrastructure into the overall experience.

### Sustainable Landscape Strategies

Connected intimately with nature, the garden will exemplify approaches to development and resource management that enhance and foster understanding between people and natural systems.

### Connected

Connected to the broader landscape through a coherent and contiguous ecological network and system of trails and pathways. Connected to the broader cultural region through strategic partnerships that will reach new audiences and raise the garden's profile. Connected to the university supporting its academic mission and off-campus activities.

### Year Round Programming

The garden will expand to offer quality programming throughout the year, celebrating its northern climate by embracing all four seasons.

### Responsive to Transportation Demand Management

Safe and efficient access to the garden will be accomplished through multiple modes of transportation. On-site parking supports increased daily visitation numbers and special events are managed safely and efficiently. The garden experience is crafted from the moment of arrival.

### Fiscally Responsible and Operationally Viable

Visitors will experience a facility where operational costs and maintenance requirements are ingrained within the planning and design process, ensuring the garden remains viable as facilities change and expand.

