

# Myriad Botanical Gardens

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

YEAR 2009–2012

SIZE 15 acres

USE Botanical gardens, civic and cultural events, outdoor dining, flexible garden space, sculptural bandshell, water features, children’s garden and playground, dog park

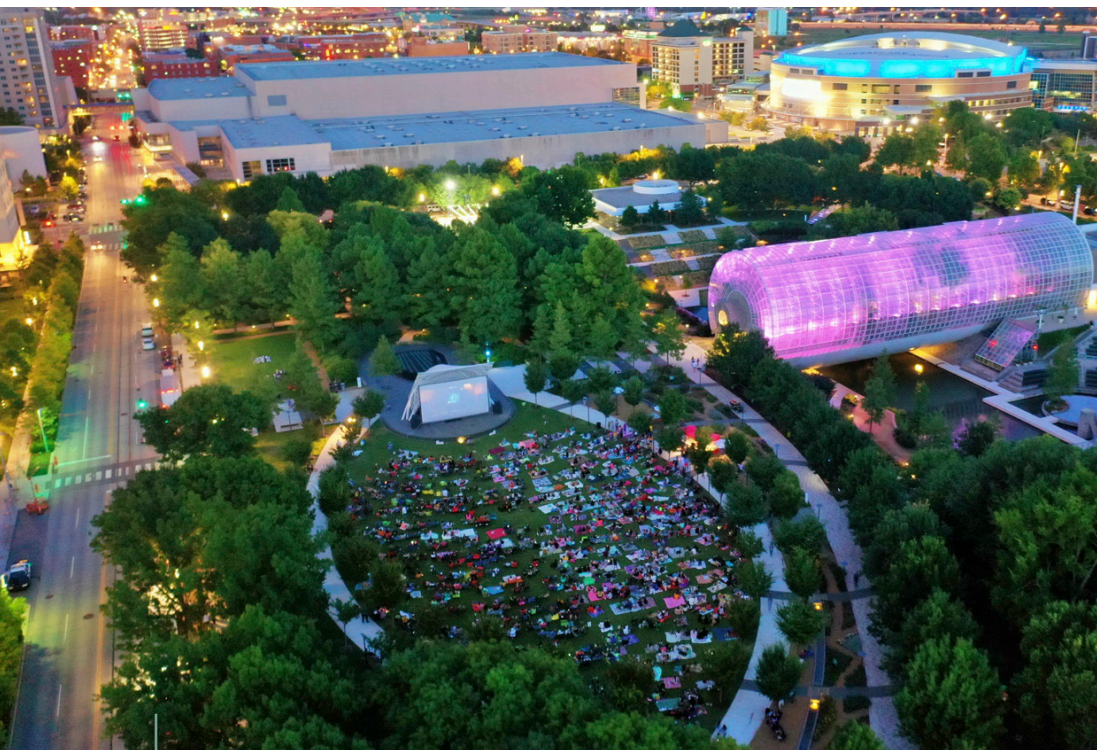
THEMES Strengthen Public Life

Preservation + Sustainability

Arts + Cultural Integration



- + The framework of the park evolved to preserve over 300 high-value specimen trees and to direct on-site stormwater to the renovated central lake, where it supplements irrigation.
- + Permeable and inviting along its edges, the garden draws visitors onto a tree-lined promenade that loops through botanical plantings around the lake’s upper rim.
- + Quiet, shaded berms to the northwest overlook the 28,000 SF Great Lawn and a sculptural bandshell by Gensler’s David Epstein; along Hudson Avenue to the west, a grove of sycamore trees buffers the street while providing flexible garden space to support Oklahoma City’s annual Festival of the Arts.
- + To the south, an interactive water feature marks the entry to a children’s garden that balances active play with natural learning. A dog park, a fountain plaza, and a restaurant with outdoor dining enliven the eastern portion of the site.



## MAJOR AWARDS

2015 ULI Urban Open Space Award

2012 ASLA San Diego Chapter Award



A key component in Oklahoma City’s Project 180 public works program, the renovation of Myriad Botanical Gardens has transformed 15 quiet, underutilized acres of open space into a highly programmed urban park and the center of downtown public life. A new socially enriched concept for open space was made possible by rethinking access, program, and permeability. Since its opening, the park has drawn more than a million visitors annually and catalyzed downtown economic development, earning it a prestigious ULI Open Space Award.

