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William V. Walsh Construction Co. Inc.
National Garden at the
U.S. Botanical Garden
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The National Garden is an outdoor addition to the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory. It was designed by the Smith Group and constructed by William V. Walsh Construction Co. Inc.

The garden is enclosed by limestone walls and ornamental fences and gates, and it features a winding stone pathway that leads through the formal Rose Garden and the Regional Garden. The garden also includes a pond and highly detailed architectural elements, such as the First Ladies Water Garden, whose mosaic design is taken from a Martha Washington quilt pattern; the Butterfly Garden, whose namesake inhabitants have already taken up resi-

dency; and the Amphitheater, which has seats and floor made with marble reclaimed from the U.S. Capitol steps.

The build team also worked closely with the Botanic garden staff and project architect to incorporate designs and materials that are environment friendly. For example, they used materials like Trex decking system, which is made of reclaimed plastic, and porous paving solutions that help manage stormwater drainage and reserve water for irrigation.

This project maintained its original completion date, even though severe weather delayed construction and \$2.5 million of work was added during construction.