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An Invitation to Reimagine the Lower Estate Gardens

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Dear staff, faculty, and students,

The lower Estate Gardens have long been an area of natural beauty and social connection for the LC community. Sections of the grounds, which are visible from the back terrace of the Frank Manor House, have even been entered in the National Register of Historic Places.

As we make plans for the future with an eye toward enhancing the Lewis & Clark experience, we hope to draw on the collective knowledge and creativity of the LC community to help reimagine this beloved space.

Who better to help determine the future of this historical beloved outdoor space than the current community of faculty, staff, and students?

**Lewis & Clark invites the community to submit concept design proposals that reimagine the lower Estate Gardens.** Read more about the concept design process

here: <https://www.lclark.edu/live/news/51782-reimagining-the-lower-estate-garden-request-for>

- **Current employees and students are invited to attend an open house on Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 4 p.m.** on the Manor House patio (weather permitting) to ask questions and learn more about the lower Estates Gardens concept design process.

Concept designs may come from individuals or teams made up of current students and/or staff and/or faculty members. Lewis & Clark's Executive Council and Facilities representatives will consider proposals based on their creativity, feasibility, and sustainability.

The area under consideration includes the area encompassing the outdoor swimming pool and grape arbor structures throughout and to the south. It is bordered by the pool house to the north and by retaining walls and Great Plat Field to the west. The area includes stairs leading to a large grassy area to the east bounded by tennis courts to the north. The pool house, lower rose garden, and tennis courts are not in the scope of the current project.

This area includes the site of last year's tragic accident, which remains a source of great sorrow for the campus community. We know there is interest in developing a permanent observance of the accident site. We respectfully request that observance of the accident site not be included in concept designs. Any future recognition would be discussed and considered outside of this process.

The goal of initiating this process is to enact a plan that recognizes the historical nature of the area, with a focus on sustainability and simplicity, and honors the place's multiple meanings and histories.

We look forward to reviewing your ideas and concept designs!

Sincerely,

The Executive Council

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