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Just across Independence Avenue from the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory is a favorite "secret" garden of many Washingtonians. Part of the U. S Botanic Garden since 1932 when it was created, Bartholdi Park is a two-acre garden that showcases innovative plant combinations in a variety of styles and design themes.

In warm weather, enjoy the centerpiece of the Park, the *Fountain of Light and Water*, commonly called the Bartholdi Fountain in homage to its creator, Frederick C. Bartholdi. This cast-iron fountain weighs more than 15 tons and stands 30 feet tall. The lights surrounding its basin are illuminated at night.

Bartholdi Park is a refuge from the stresses of the city. Secluded benches offer quiet shade in the summer and sheltered sunlight in the winter. Every type of plant is featured in the Park - deciduous trees, evergreens, shrubs, perennials, annuals, vines, ground covers, roses and bulbs. In every season, the colors and textures of the garden are exhilarating.

Bartholdi Park was redesigned in 2016 as a Sustainable Sites Initiative(tm) pilot project. The focus is different garden styles and plant options that all can be used in the guidelines. Each demonstration area is a synergistic solution for dynamic and holistic systems that can be interpreted for the home gardener, helping improve maintenance practices nationwide.



