

WATERFRONT BOTANICAL GARDENS

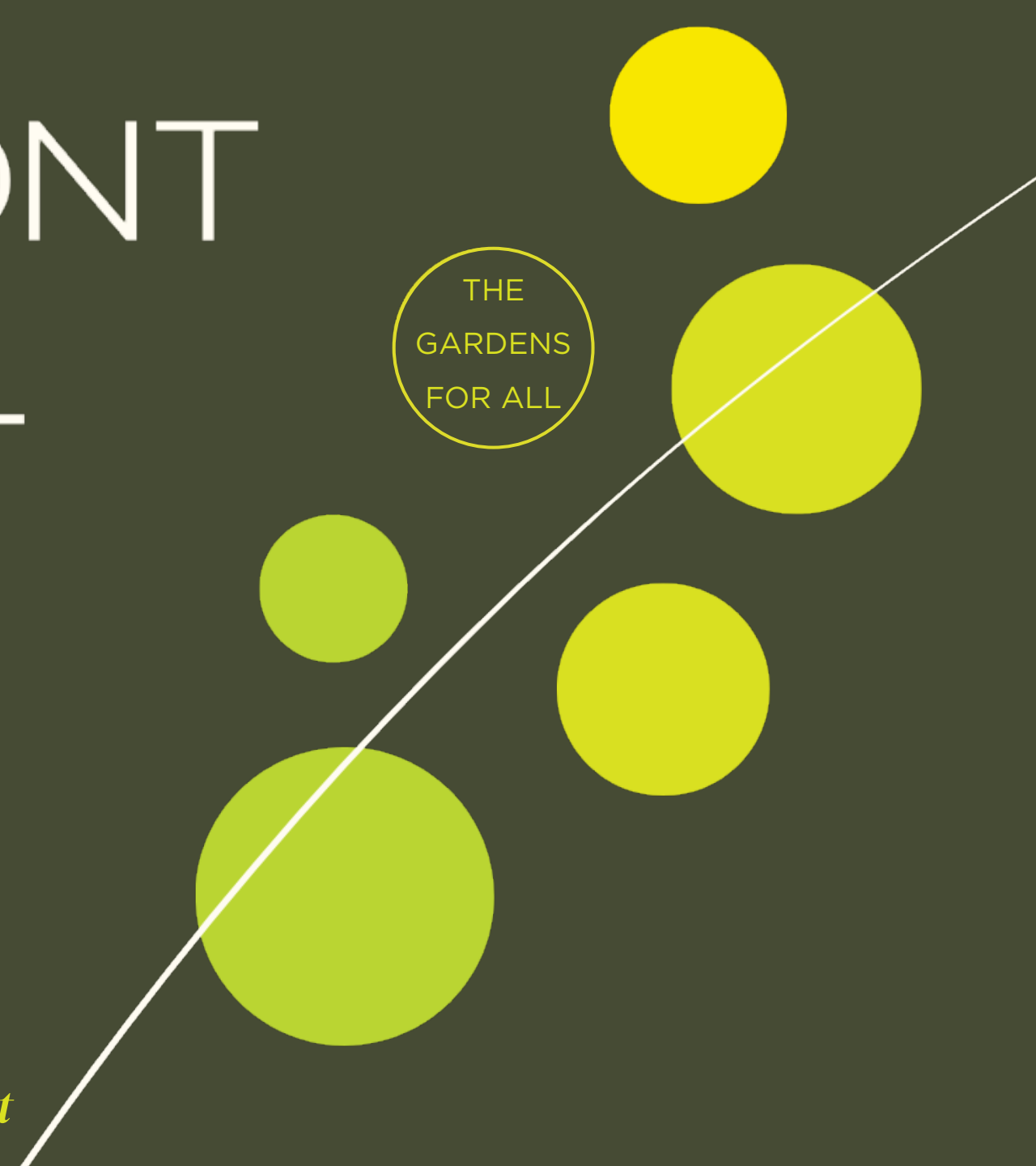
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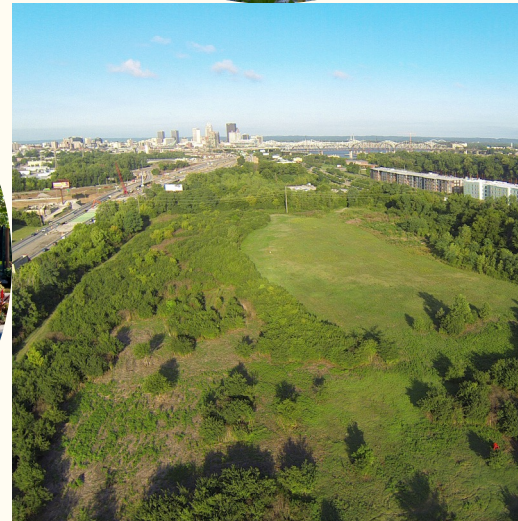
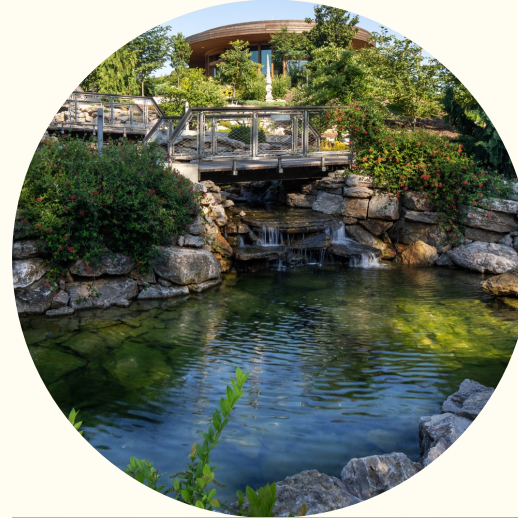


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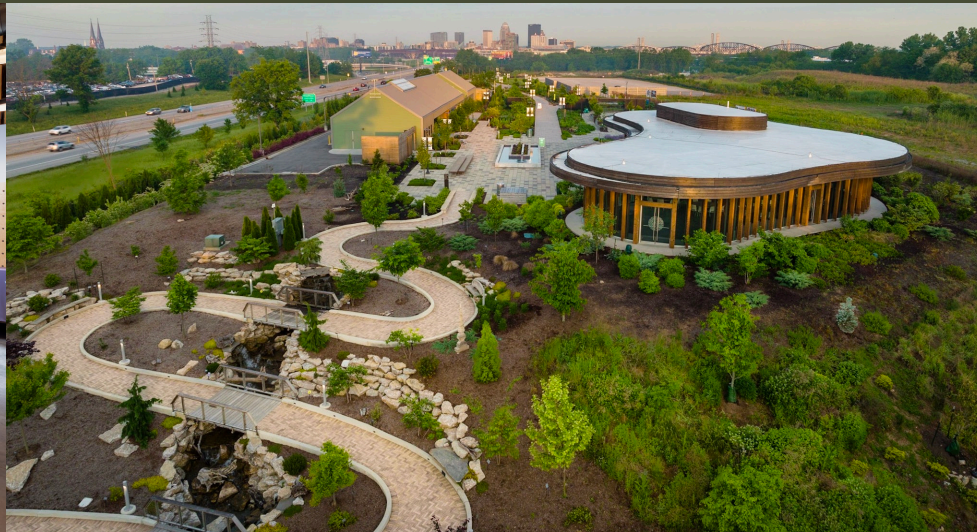
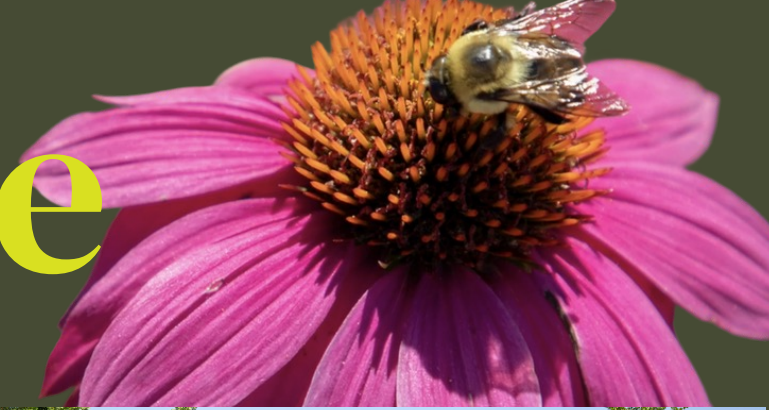
Landfill to Living Landmark

*A transformation decades
in the making.*

A former city of Louisville
landfill is becoming a living
landmark for all Kentucky.



Phase 1: Complete



Phase 2A: Your Investment At Work

\$4 million received from the General Assembly between 2024-2025.



Phase 2A: In Progress



Growing Gardens, Growing Impact

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A growing institution with expanding public value.

65,000
VISITORS

3,000
STUDENTS

1,000 ADULT
LEARNERS

GUESTS FROM
37+ STATES

298 ACTIVE
VOLUNTEERS

1,100 MEMBER
HOUSEHOLDS



Serving Kentucky

*A statewide botanical
resource.*

- **University Research Partners:**
UK Pollinator Study +
UofL Soil Studies
- **Horticulture Interns** from UK,
EKU, WKU, and UofL
- **KY Garden Trail** Featured
Garden
- Field trip destination for
students **beyond Jefferson
County**



A World-Class Bonsai Program



- Angelica Ramirez, **Bonsai Curator**
- **'Father Paul Boxwood'** donated by the Monastery of the Holy Spirit
- Six tropical bonsai donated by the **Pacific Bonsai Museum**
- **1,100-year-old niwaki** from Wyoming
- **80+ trees** in our collection, and growing



Road to 2027

Construction, identity, and opening converge

DEC 2026
CONSTRUCTION
COMPLETED



MAR-MAY 2027
GARDEN PREP



JUNE 2-6, 2027
GRAND OPENING



Next Horizon

The work continues beyond Phase 2A

- **\$4M** EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant
- Fast-tracks additional gardens, meadows, and **green spaces for public use**
- **Next Phase:** Visitor Center, Children's Garden, Event Lawn



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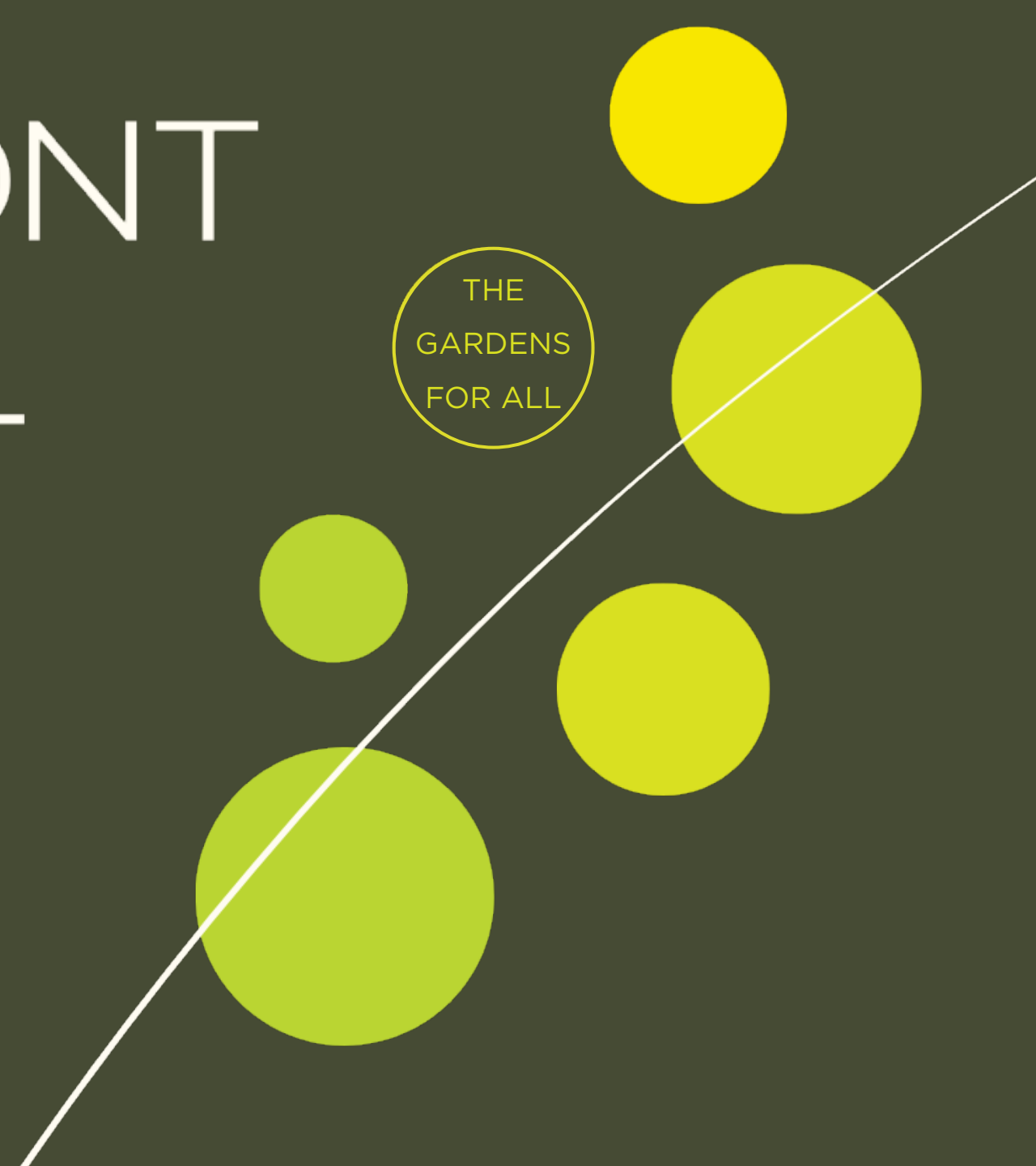
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