



DALLAS ARBORETUM
AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

Parking Garage Fact Sheet

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Total Parking Spaces with New Garage: 2,204

This number includes 1,054 of current spaces plus the 1,150 new garage spaces.

Location of New Garage:

The parking garage is located across the street from the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden with a secure underground walkway underneath Garland Road for safe access. From its lowest point underneath Garland Road, the walkway gently slopes up to meet ground level at the entrance of the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden. The garage and underground walkway are both handicap accessible.

Length of Time for Planning and Construction:

The planning and construction process took about two years.

Contractor:

Rogers O'Brien Construction

Cost:

\$30 million

Funding:

The Dallas Arboretum paid for the garage, and no tax dollars were used in the construction of the garage.

Garage Features:

The five level parking garage has two levels of parking underground and three levels at street level and higher.

- Walkway: The underground opening is 153-feet-long, 18-feet-wide and 11-feet-high.

- **Lighting:** The walkway has abundant artificial lighting, and both ends of the walkway are filled with natural light. At the garage side of the walkway, there is a light well that gathers light from above while the other end closer the garden entrance is completely open to the sky above.
- **Design and landscaping:** The garage design complements the Dallas Arboretum's main public buildings by using similar materials for the garage façade, entrance, stairs and elevator enclosure for the garage. Keeping in line with the Garden, the garage includes landscape planters on the second level that face the neighborhood.
- **Generator:** The garage has an emergency generator allowing for uninterrupted electrical service to life safety systems and pumps to remove water from the walkway and lower levels of the garage during rain.

New Parking Costs for Non-Members:

\$15 per vehicle or

\$8 per vehicle, if purchased in advance online.

Parking remains free for Arboretum members.

Need for New Parking Garage:

As the Dallas Arboretum becomes more popular with the addition of the Rory Meyers Children's Garden, blockbuster exhibits, such as Chihuly and The 12 Days of Christmas, there has been a growing need for additional parking. The City of Dallas commissioned Desman and Associates (Chicago) to determine if the garage were necessary and if so, how many spaces would be needed. The Desman study recommended that additional parking of upwards of at least a thousand spaces was needed to accommodate the growing number of visitors. To date in 2014, the Garden has had 900,000 visitors.

With the development of properties along Garland Road becoming more popular, the large tracts, which were used for remote parking, were purchased and developed into apartments, condos and a new retail center (Gaston/Garland).

The opening of this garage has more than doubled the available parking for Dallas Arboretum visitors. This new garage should relieve visitor and neighborhood frustration by reducing traffic queues on Garland Road. In addition, visitors will enter the Garden via the underground walkway underneath Garland Road, thus ensuring their safety into the Arboretum. The additional parking will also assist in keeping parking out of the surrounding neighborhoods. A price increase for all parking has gone into effect; however, discounted parking for \$8 is available online and, as always, members still receive free parking as a membership benefit.

Parking Restrictions:

At night, parking will be limited to the two floors below ground as part of zoning agreement with City of Dallas to eliminate any noise or light as not to disrupt the neighborhood. Staff and volunteers can use the Garland Road side of level one.