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## **Historic Cactus Garden in Beverly Hills is Now Open** *Renovation Leads to Garden of Sustainability and Beauty*



*Beverly Hills, Calif.* - The pristine Cactus Garden in Beverly Gardens Park on Santa Monica Boulevard between Camden and Bedford Drives in Beverly Hills is complete after a nine-month renovation.

The Cactus Garden, donated to the City of Beverly Hills by John Bullard in 1934, was known during its time as one of the few comprehensive, outdoor cactus and succulent collections

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featuring indigenous specimens from the deserts, mountain and jungles of every continent. The restored Cactus Garden allows visitors to walk along a decomposed granite pathway for close-up vantages of the many cacti and succulent varieties from the arid climates of the Mediterranean Biome, Northern Mexico and South America, the Southwest USA, the Mediterranean Seas and South Africa. A stone border wall provides further definition and protection for the garden. The new design reduced turf by 45%, providing a water savings of 37% - making this garden a work of sustainability and beauty.

The Cactus Garden is part of the Beverly Gardens Park Restoration Project, a major renovation of the City's century-old park encompassing 1.9 miles of green space over 23 blocks from the eastern City limits to the Western city limits, fronting the north side of Santa Monica Boulevard and Wilshire Boulevard. Beverly Gardens Park Restoration Project was initiated in 2011 by the City of Beverly Hills, working with resident and businessman, Steve Gordon. Mr. Gordon leads a grassroots effort to fundraise and help in the city's restoration of the park.

The re-creation of the Cactus Garden was made possible by the generous donation of the Resnick Family.

If interested in making a donation to the Beverly Gardens Park Restoration Project, you can do so through the Beverly Hills Community Charitable Foundation. Contact Community Services Stephanie Harris at 310.285.2531 or [sharris@beverlyhills.org](mailto:sharris@beverlyhills.org). To learn more about the City of Beverly Hills' charitable gift giving opportunities, visit [www.beverlyhills.org/CharitableGifting](http://www.beverlyhills.org/CharitableGifting).

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