

McCoy Farm & Gardens NEWSLETTER

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Master Plan Announced

Thanks to a generous donation from the Tucker Foundation, Hodgson Douglas Architects of Nashville is completing the Master

Plan for McCoy Farm & Gardens. As soon as the booklet is printed, it will be available for inspection at the Walden Town Hall, McCoy Farm & Gardens and on the MFG website at

www.mccoypwalden.org The board has worked with Hodgson Douglas since March, 2018, as they considered how to manage growth, maintain existing facilities, organize pedestrian and vehicular circulation, and create strategies for short and long-term land management.

Some of the Plan goals have already been achieved: expansion of parking, renovation of Taft Highway and Anderson Pike entrances, construction of 3-board fencing and repair of the stone wall along Anderson Pike. Now the Master Plan provides a prioritized "Action Plan" for completing even more goals.

Front Porch Forum

The front porch of the McCoy house was the location for a Walden candidate forum on Tuesday, October 6th. We were proud to host the candidates and citizens. It was an interesting and productive session. To see and hear the candidates: <https://youtu.be/3amu6r1cUbo>



McCOY FARM & GARDENS

Walden, Tennessee
October 2020

MASTER PLAN



The Mission of McCoy Farm & Gardens is to restore, enhance and preserve the historic McCoy homeplace so that it may serve the community as an arboretum, natural area, and venue for public and private events.

Play on the Porch

The front porch also served as an excellent stage for the two-act theatrical and musical production, *Southern Exposure*, which was presented two week-ends in October.

We are always glad when McCoy Farm & Gardens is enjoyed by everyone. In these days of COVID 19, when outdoor events are preferred to those indoors, our front porch has made an important contribution.

Charles and Gene Adams

SUPER MFG VOLUNTEERS

Charles and Gene Adams are original members of the McCoy Farm & Gardens board, having served almost 5 years. They say that, when they built their home in Walden in 1986, they both wanted to find opportunities to give back to the community. Even before he joined the board, Charles' firm donated the engineering drawings for the new Walden Town Hall.

Charles has had responsibility for buildings maintenance and major projects. The job includes getting quotes and keeping within budget on all projects, as well as supervising the work as it is done.

He is well qualified for his position. He is a graduate of Tennessee Technological University, and a Registered Professional Engineer. He served as an Army officer and has taught on the adjunct faculty at UTC. He worked in the Engineering Dept. at DuPont for 20 years and then 25 years as the founder and CEO of March Adams & Associates Consulting Engineers.

Gene has served as treasurer, handling the financial transactions and reports to local, state and federal agencies for the non-profit.



Gene and Charles Adams

After attending UTK, and taking no financial courses, most of her working career has been in administrative and financial management. Go "figure." She was the first office manager and bookkeeper at March Adams Consulting Engineers. Gene retired after 20 years in Chancery Court serving as Supervisor of the Guardianship-Conservatorship Department, auditing all Conservator and Guardian yearly accountings. Her mother was a bookkeeper while her dad was in the service, so her talent with numbers may just be inborn. She likes for things to balance.

Gene says, "It has been so great to see, first hand, the community involvement/donations helping to make all our work to improve this unique property possible. Our next fundraising campaign is coming soon, and we hope to see this important response continue."

Latest Garden Video

Join **Linda Collins** and **Andy Jones** in the video "Arboretum Part II" about the tree point QR map with highlights and discussion of a few specific trees. [//youtu.be/H5119XZUz6k](https://youtu.be/H5119XZUz6k)

We encourage our visitors to practice healthy COVID measures at all times.

Hours, Access & Information

The 1.1 mile long walking and running trail is open during daylight hours, seven days per week. Access the trail by the 1604 Taft Highway entrance and park in the trail parking spaces or the gravel lot. Dog waste pickup bags are at the trailhead.

The MFG buildings are temporarily closed.

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McCoy Farm & Gardens is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. All contributions are charitable and tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.

The 38 acre parcel contains the Bachman-McCoy home, pavilion, carriage house, barn, blacksmith workshop, apple house, various other structures, and gardens. Volunteers are very important to the organization in all areas. Your donations are welcome and will be used to improve the structures and gardens.

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