Evolution of a Garden
As all things in nature, Boxerwood exists in a constant state of change. Walk in any direction & you’ll see how the landscape reflects the ways gardening & land stewardship practices change over time. For instance, we now pay close attention to interactions between gardening decisions & ecosystem well-being. Our field, woodland, wetland, & pond provide habitat for many forms of wildlife. More than 50 species of birds call Boxerwood home, as do many species of insects, mammals, reptiles, & amphibians. This is their home as much as it is our beautiful garden.

Ecological appreciation informs how we practice our stewardship. You’ll notice, for example, that the most intensely landscaped portions of the garden are closest to the human-built elements. Nearby, a cultivated Native Plant Sanctuary & Pollinator Garden support biodiversity while demonstrating how all of us can support native insects & the vital food webs they create.

The rest of the 15-acre property receives limited interference from our gardening team. By letting nature simply be, these wilder spaces grow & flourish in their own way. Our main efforts are actions that support ecological resilience, such as tackling soil erosion, removing invasives, creating habitat & generally doing what we can to minimize our human impact, including climate change.

While you wander the gardens, please be mindful of your own stewardship:
- Respect visitors & residents – humans & wildlife
- Carry out all trash, including pet waste
- Leave natural items in the garden
- Avoid damaging trees & plants

As you enjoy the garden’s criss-crossing paths, you’ll notice the trails are unmarked: wander & explore freely! The map will help you find some garden highlights. Most paths are grass or mulch, but sometimes there are rocks, roots, mud, & moderate slopes. We suggest sturdy shoes & a walking stick. The trail from the Handicap Parking space to the Pollinator Garden has specific improvements for easier access.

Special Trees of Interest
- **Acer Palmatum** — Japanese Maple
- **Carpinus betulus** - European Hornbeam
- **Cedrus atlantica** - Atlas Cedar
- **Cercidiphyllaceae Cercidiphyllum** - Katsura
- **Chaenomepsis obtusa** — Hinoki Falsecypress
- **Parrotia persica** - Persian Ironwood
- **Pinus wallichiana** - Himalayan Pine
- **Metasequoia glyptostroboides** - Dawn redwood
- **Taxodium distichum** — Baldcypress

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ABOUT BEA

The mission of Boxerwood Education Association is to educate & inspire people of all ages to become environmentally responsible stewards of the Earth. Since 1999, we have advanced this mission through two complementary efforts:

1. We maintain this unique, scenic garden open to the public.
2. We provide educational programming that connects people of all ages to nature and its care.

Ways to Support

DONATE. In the spirit of inclusion, Boxerwood is open to all without charge. If you can afford to do so, we invite you to make a donation to help Boxerwood thrive. We rely on donations for more than 30% of our operating budget. Your contribution helps us care for the Garden for the benefit of all. boxerwood.org/give

BECOME A BOXERWOOD GARDEN MEMBER. Purchase a 12-month garden membership for $75. boxerwood.org/join

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