

RESOLUTION NO. 2038

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND ACCEPTING THE GIFT OF A SERPENTINE GARDEN PROJECT ON THE BACK LAWN OF THE POPLAR HILL MANSION FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE POPLAR HILL MANSION.

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Poplar Hill Mansion have been working for close to twenty years to develop a serpentine garden on the back lawn of the Mansion; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the serpentine garden is to beautify the back lawn of the Mansion and to help provide a more attractive venue for weddings and other garden parties; and

WHEREAS, the serpentine garden project will include shrubbery, a fountain, and a serpentine brick path and bamboo fencing to be affixed to the chain link fence on the back property line; and

WHEREAS, the Friends have received a number of contributions toward this project; and

WHEREAS, the Friends will continue to accept contributions toward this project particularly contributions for bricks for the brick walkway; and

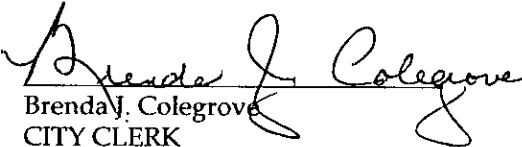
WHEREAS, the Friends wish to donate this serpentine garden to the City

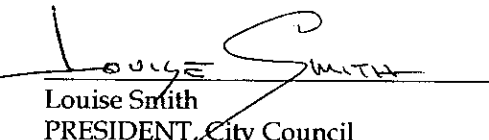
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Salisbury City Council accepts the donation of the serpentine garden project from the Friends of the Poplar Hill Mansion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council thanks the Friends of the Poplar Hill Mansion for their work on this project and for offering this gift to the City and to the public.

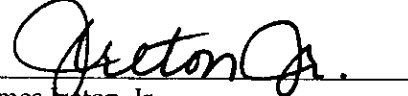
THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011 and is to become effective immediately upon adoption.

ATTEST:

  
Brenda J. Colegrove  
CITY CLERK

  
Louise Smith  
PRESIDENT, City Council

APPROVED by me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of  
March, 2011

  
James Heton, Jr.  
MAYOR, City of Salisbury

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## Office of the Mayor

**To:** City Council  
**From:** John R. Pick   
**Subject:** Accepting Donation - Serpentine Garden - Poplar Hill Mansion  
**Date:** March 7, 2011

Attached is a resolution accepting the gift of a Serpentine Garden Project on the back lawn of the Poplar Hill Mansion. Attached is a letter from the Garden Committee of the Friends of the Poplar Hill Mansion providing some history about this project and some additional information about the project. Attached also is a drawing that shows the location of the project. Due to the fact that a number of people have made contributions to this project, or will make contributions in the future as the project is brought to completion, we are considering this as a gift from the Friends rather than attempting to list all of the individuals who made contributions.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

cc: Mayor Ireton  
Teresa Gardner  
Brenda Colegrove  
Jessie Cocci

Mayor Ireton, City Administrator John Pick, and City Council Members

Poplar Hill Mansion Historic Serpentine Garden Project

Over thirty years ago, former Curators and Board members began work on a historic serpentine garden on the back lawn of Poplar Hill Mansion. The idea was to make the outside as beautiful and interesting to visit as the interior of the house, as well as making it even more attractive to guests renting the mansion for weddings and other garden parties . A formal garden plan was drawn up and about 12-15 engraved bricks were sold toward this goal, along with other donations . In 2010, our current board feeling that his project was long overdue, began plans once again and expect the garden to be completed in Spring 2011. Our feeling is that by inviting the public to donate \$50.00 for a personalized engraved brick, we will gain the entire revenue needed to pay for this project. We are also holding a special fundraising tea on Feb. 23, and a Spring luncheon March 23, with all profits dedicated to this project. Thus far, we have received financial donations from those involved in the original project, and profits from two of Newtown's Historic Holiday tours. The Langelier families donated a beautiful 5' wide, three tier fountain with a pineapple of welcome finial, as well as 50 boxwood shrubs. Two of our board members planted all of the shrubbery:

The serpentine brick path , 150'x 2 ½'will require 1700 bricks at a total cost of \$2125.00 .

We will need 163 engraved at \$4050.00

Nails, straps, crush and run and sand, \$980.00

The cost for the serpentine walkway will be \$7155.00

Sales of 150 bricks will bring in\$7550.00

The labor is all being donated for this project, and we have designed it so that engraved bricks can be added at any time. This will be an ongoing project at Poplar Hill Mansion so that anyone wanting to be a part of Poplar Hill Mansion will be able to purchase a brick.

Proceeds from our luncheon and tour will purchase rolls of 8'x8'bamboo fencing at \$169.00 per roll. We estimate that 10 rolls will cover the very unattractive chain link fence there that is an eyesore to the guests who plan outside parties. The bamboo is attractive, weather resistant and long lasting. This material was

chosen due to the prohibitive cost of wooden fencing.

The 4 Season's Garden Club is owed special thanks for planting and maintaining our beautiful shade garden

for many years, as is the Wicomico Garden club, who recently planted a year round cutting garden so that the mansion will now have fresh flowers and greenery year round. The Garden Committee of Poplar Hill

Mansion and community volunteers have worked tirelessly toward completing this project.

All of the community is invited to donate \$50.00 toward an engraved brick to complete our historic

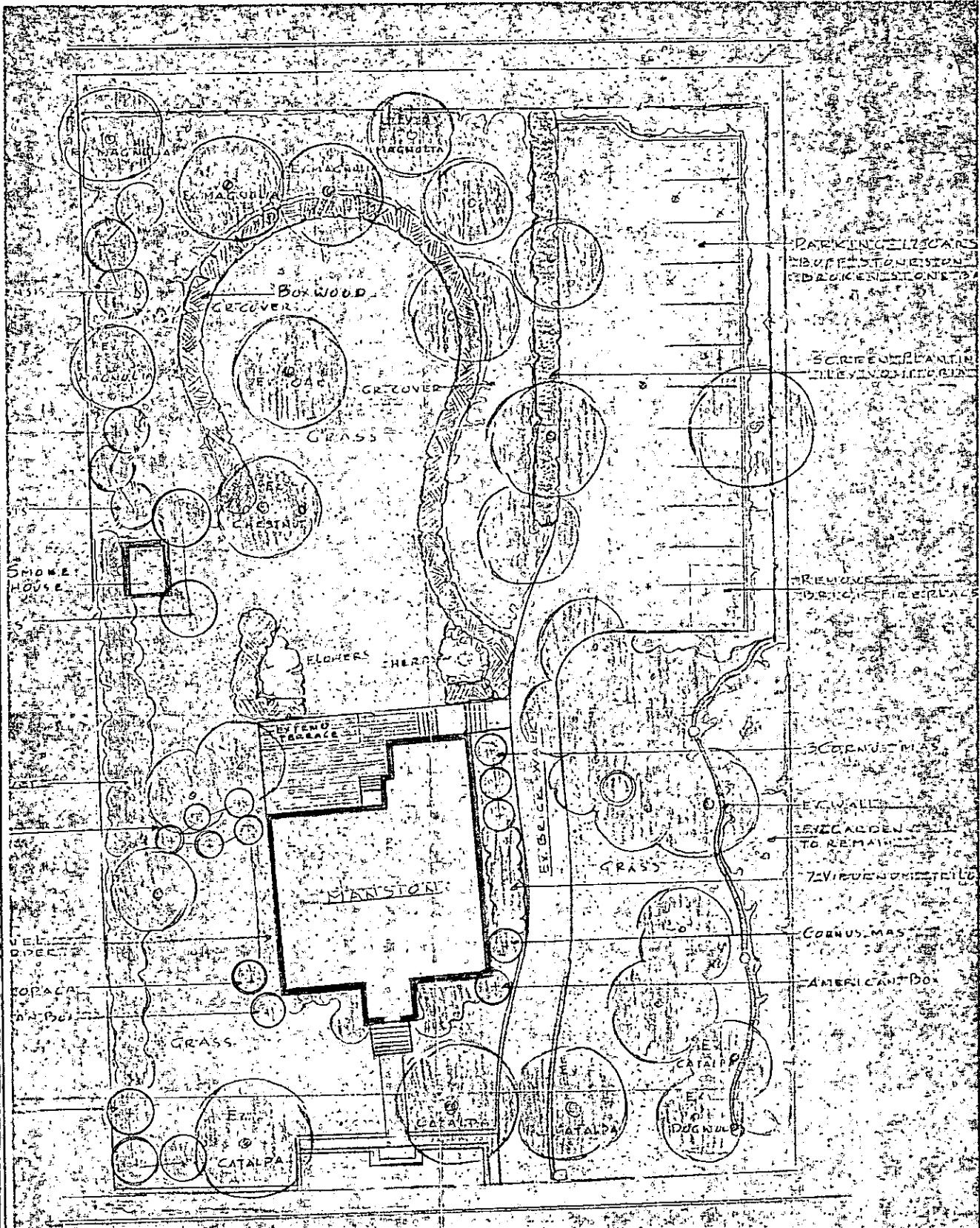
Serpentine garden. A special treat for your children and grandchildren will be to visit our formal garden at Poplar Hill Mansion and let them discover a brick with their name on it! Forms for ordering

brick are available by email or can be picked up at the mansion.

We wish to thank all of the community, past and present who have dedicated their time, money

and ideas to make this happen.

Rita Tiso, Garden Committee  
Louise Nock, Hospitality Chair  
Aleta Davis, Board Chair  
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ELIZABETH STREET

LANDSCAPE PLAN

POPLAR HILL MANSION

SALISBURY

MARYLAND

SCALE 1" = 20'-0"