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Naples Botanical Garden receives federal grant for major plant conservation project

NAPLES, FL – September 2, 2021 – Naples Botanical Garden's conservation efforts recently received a substantial boost with funding from a \$248,851, three-year Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant. The funding comes at a time when the Garden team and its colleagues identify a critical need for conservation in our region.

The IMLS funds are in support of the Garden's SEED: Storage Expansion for Environmental Diversity project, in which Garden researchers will document, preserve, and share its growing collection of endemic and rare tropical and subtropical plant species. The ultimate goal of these enhanced conservation efforts: to improve access to rare, tropical flora and preserve their genetics before it's too late.

As part of the grant, the Garden will expand its seed bank and seed processing capacity and add new sterile grow facilities to develop seed storage and germination best practices. Garden conservationists intend to publish their findings to serve as a resource on best practices for seed storage, germination, and more.

To read more on ongoing conservation practices, [click here](#) to download *Conserve*, Naples Botanical Garden's new annual publication focusing on our conservation and environmental science endeavors.

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About Naples Botanical Garden

Naples Botanical Garden is a 170-acre, world-class garden paradise that features plants from around the world. The Garden provides arts, culture, youth and adult education, conservation, wellness, and volunteer programs that contribute to the quality of life in Southwest Florida onsite and online at naplesgarden.org. The Garden's living collections are always growing and evolving, leaving our audiences with a deeper engagement with our curated gardens and Preserve.

Summer hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. Regular admission is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children (4 – 17); Members and children 3 and under get in free. Residents of Collier, Lee, and Charlotte Counties enjoy discounted admission June 1 – September 30, 2021. Visit naplesgarden.org for details.

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