



Evenstad Horticulture Campus

The Evenstad Horticulture Campus is among a handful of tropical growing operations in the United States. Custom designed for Naples Botanical Garden, the campus will allow for the enhancement of the Garden's 170 acres, the development of nature-based solutions to environmental challenges, and the conservation of tropical and subtropical plants. This includes native species threatened by habitat loss, climate change, and natural disasters.

With more than 60,000 square feet of growing space, the campus features specialized environmental controls that allow our staff to replicate natural conditions and care for even the most sensitive of plants. This center will drive the Garden's mission for decades to come!





Plant Conservation

Laboratories will support Garden conservationists in discovering how to store and grow the seeds of Southwest Florida’s native plants. Their efforts ensure the availability of plants for restoration and safeguard the species we have today in light of an uncertain tomorrow.



Nature-Based Solutions

The Garden studies coastal ecosystems and advises local governments on how to restore beach dunes — the first line of defense against wind and surge. Likewise, the Garden investigates the use of plants to purify stormwater runoff. New research and nursery space will expand these critical efforts.



Horticultural Excellence

From potting sheds to sun nurseries, horticulturists can nurture plants through every stage of their development. By growing more plants in-house, our team can ensure specimens meet the highest standards for beauty and longevity.

Advanced growing facilities will entice serious plant collectors and fellow botanical gardens to share their most precious holdings — and we’ll do the same as we expand our collections.

The campus will deepen the Garden’s study of the trees, shrubs, and groundcovers best suited for Southwest Florida’s unique climate and growing conditions. The research allows us to advise local governments and industry professionals on environmentally friendly, resilient landscapes.



Built for Sustainability & Resiliency

The Evenstad Horticulture Campus features:



Rainwater collection tanks



Protections against pest infiltration, reducing the risk of disease



Enhanced structural support to withstand storms



A generator system that can run for 10 days without refueling



Specialized windows and insulated walls to retain cool air and reduce HVAC use



On-site green waste processing



An elevated site to mitigate flooding risk

