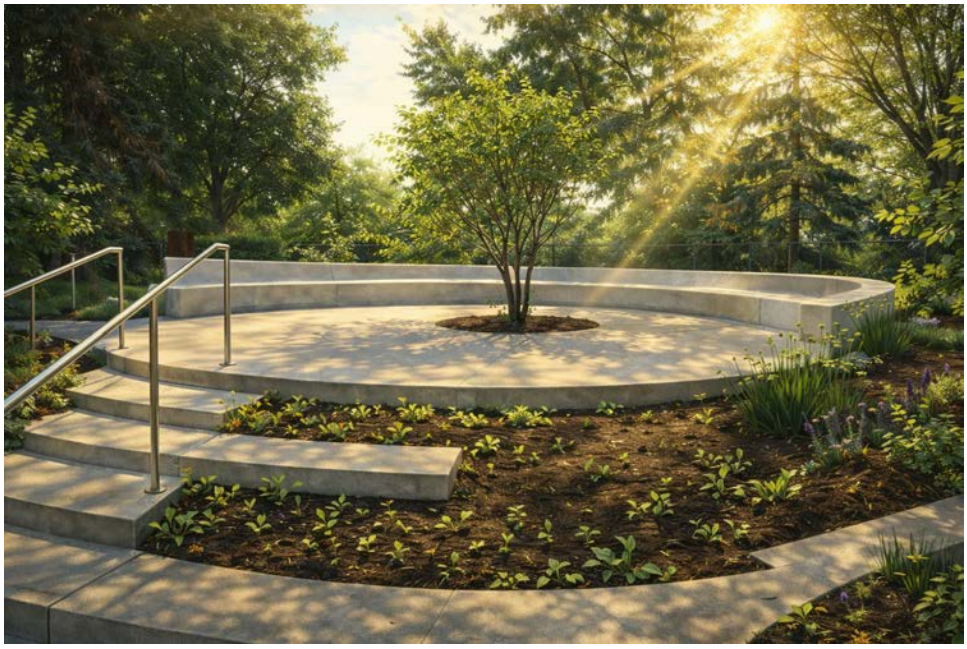


An invitation to bring healing and community change in response to tragedy

Making the Dream a Reality

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."
— **Audrey Hepburn**

New Growth, New Season



Spring is finally arriving, and with it comes a fresh season of growth at the Philando Castile Community Peace Garden. As the snow melts and the soil warms, we're preparing the garden for another year of community, learning, and nourishment.

The garden has always been more than a place to tend the earth — it's a place where neighbors gather, stories are shared, and the spirit of care for one another continues to grow.

April marks the beginning of a new season, and we invite you to be part of it.

With gratitude,
The Peace Garden Team

Earth Day, April 22, 2026



Earth Day invites people to reflect on the health of our planet and the role communities play in protecting it. This year's theme, **"Our Power, Our Planet,"** emphasizes that meaningful environmental progress comes from collective action—neighbors, educators, families, and local organizations working together to care for the places where they live.

The Philando Castile Community Peace Garden, located in Falcon Heights has been transformed by community members into a contemplative landscape dedicated to peace, justice, healing, and renewal**.**

Earth Day is ultimately about nurturing both the planet and the communities that depend on it. Each spring, as new plants emerge and neighbors gather in the garden, it serves as a powerful reminder that environmental stewardship and community healing can grow side by side.

Community Volunteer Corner



Volunteers are the heart of the Peace Garden. As we move into the growing season, we'll have opportunities for community members to help with:

• Spring garden clean-up
• Soil preparation and planting
• Pollinator Garden maintenance
• Community events throughout the season

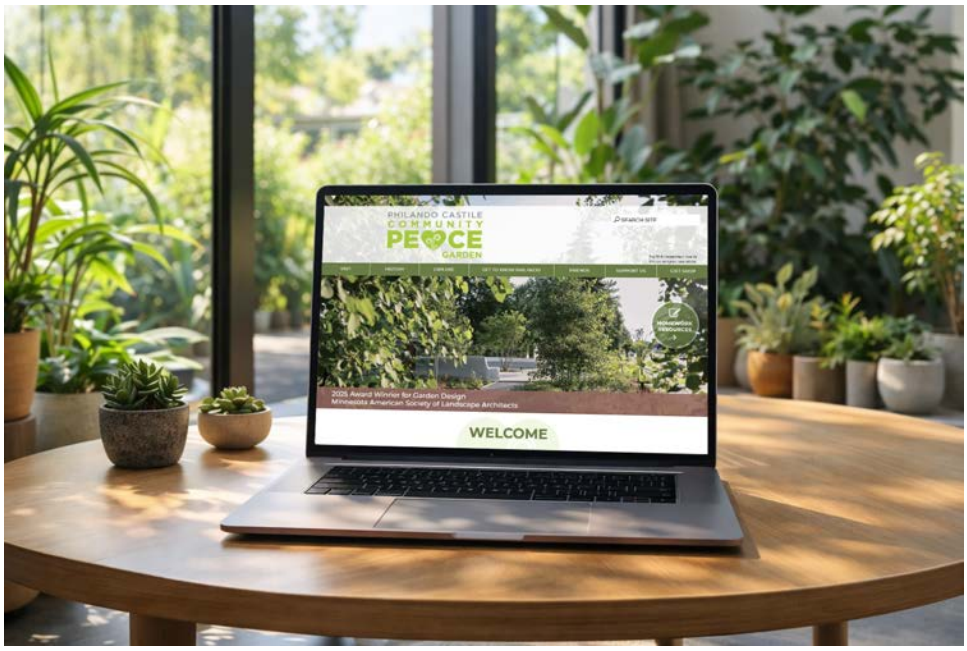
Whether you can join us once or throughout the summer, every helping hand makes a difference. If you're interested in being a Philando Castile Community Peace Garden volunteer, click here: https://philandocastile-peacegarden.org/volunteer

As mentioned in the prior newsletter, you can also help us document the natural diversity in the garden by taking photos of plants and animals and sharing them on iNaturalist.

To share images at iNaturalist, visit: https://www.inaturalist.org

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Philando Castile Community Peace Garden
NEW WEBSITE!



We're excited to share a preview of the newly updated Philando Castile Community Peace Garden website, currently still under development. We invite you to explore the site and help shape its final launch by sharing your feedback through our survey until the end of the month. Community input is invaluable — please submit your comments today!

View the site in development: https://philandocastile-peacegarden.org/modx

Share your feedback here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8895RY6

Ways to Support



Did you know that you can make donations while at the Peace Garden? Just

look for the on-site signage and scan the QR code to get started. Donations to the Philando Castile Community Peace Garden help sustain and grow a community space dedicated to peace, remembrance, and healing. Contributions support the ongoing care of the garden—including landscaping, flowers, pathways, benches, lighting, and public art displays. They also help fund community gatherings and events that bring people together to remember Philando Castile's legacy and continue conversations about justice, unity, and reconciliation. By giving to the garden, supporters help preserve this meaningful space so it can continue serving as a place where neighbors, visitors, and future generations can gather, reflect, and find hope through community and nature.

https://philandocastile-peacegarden.org and click "Donate"

Stay Connected!



Find the Philando Castile Community Peace Garden on Facebook, Philando Castile Peace Garden, and Instagram @philandocastilepeacegarden.

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/PhilandoCastilePeaceGarden

Submit your creative expression—art, reflections, or poems, for future display or online media. Help shape how the garden continues to spread the word of peace and justice.

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/philandocastilepeacegarden

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