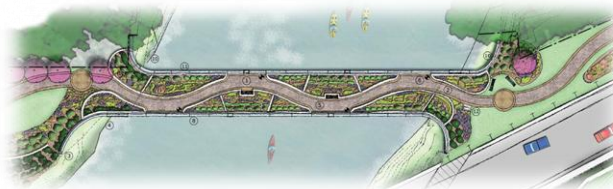




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 **June 30th deadline approaches!** Time is running out to become a **Founding Sponsor of the Friends of the Bridge**. Donate \$100 by June 30 and receive recognition as a Founder, including an engraved brick to be placed on the walkway leading to the bridge garden. Our mailing address is: P.O. Box 125, Lake Lure, NC, 28746. You can also call Bill Miller at (828) 625-9995, or contact any Board member. See our website for forms and details at: [www.lakelurefloweringbridge.com](http://www.lakelurefloweringbridge.com)



 **Learning as we grow.** The journey from our first meeting to now has been quite a learning experience. First we had to form an organization. Then we brought in landscape architects from Cardno International and Landcare Innovations to take our vision to the plan you see above. Since then community support has kept us growing as we worked through engineering issues and design specifics so that we could do the best work possible to preserve and maintain the bridge while creating the gardens.



 **Native plants on the bridge.** Our Gardens Committees are busily researching the specific plants to place in the beds to be built on the bridge and surrounding areas. With an eye to education, the focus will be on native plants. While the azaleas seen above grow well in our area, our garden gurus will seek flowering plants that are both native AND tolerant of the full sun that the bridge enjoys. There is much to consider as the process goes forward. We are committed to creating gardens that are unique to this place. We want visitors to see the glory of the Hickory Nut Gorge as they stroll across the bridge.

 **Here's how you can help.** Send this newsletter to your friends and share the story of the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge. Volunteer to help with the gardens or special events, marketing or any other area of interest. Like us on Facebook and share your thoughts with us. Offer to foster and donate native plants from your garden. Ask for a speaker to tell the Bridge story to your club or service group. We welcome ideas and need your support. Above all, we seek to include as many people from the community in creating this special place as a joy for generations to come

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“People from a planet without flowers would think we must be mad with joy the whole time to have such things about us.”

— [Iris Murdoch](#)