

Lake Lure Flowering Bridge Developmental Timeline

2010 - 2011

The old bridge was deeded to the town after the new one was inaugurated. Nonprofit formed to create and care for the gardens.

2012

Garden designs completed. Stone mason began construction.



2013

Drainage system and first plants installed!
Garden officially opens.

2014

Tours & classes start. Tall lamps & planters installed. Recognized as a Certified Wildlife Habitat.



2015

Paved walkways begun. Certified as a Monarch Waystation



2016

West end atrium, Welcome Terrace, Secret Garden, cell phone sensory tour, Lion's head added.

2017

Arbor 1, two new gardens, Giving Tree, and atrium chandelier added.



2018

Arbor 2 Added



2019

Educational Kiosk added and dedicated.



2020

River's Edge Dog Garden added.



2021

Tours & classes start. Tall lamps & planters installed. Recognized as a Certified Wildlife Habitat.

2022

Rainbow Bridge added as well as. Butterfly Mural Garden with a Kindred Spirits Mailbox.



2023

Whipple Azalea Garden were added. New pathways in several gardens were added.



2024

Education Center Construction begins



September 2024

Hurricane Helene Forever changed the landscape of our gardens.



2025

The old bridge was found to be unstable and had to be demolished.



2026

New gardens on the east and west ends are planted. Education Center officially opens.

