Core Campus Precinct
Zone C11 Gardens
Zone C11 Executive Summary

This zone is primarily occupied by Cornell Plantations and is bounded by Forest Home to the north, Beebe Lake to the west and Gymnosperm Slope to the south. It contains the Cornell Plantations Headquarters along with a number of gardens, greenhouses and service buildings supporting the Plantations mission. As such, this zone plays an important role in the academic mission of the University and is a remarkable amenity and attraction for Cornell. The zone also contains Cornell’s Water Filtration Building.

General Guidelines

- With the exception of the area surrounding the Water Filtration Building, this zone falls within a Cornell Natural Area, and as such, no building or parking development is anticipated. However, additional development may be considered on a case by case basis. All development initiatives must be in keeping with the mission and image of the Plantations and not compromise the natural or cultivated landscapes or setting.
- Plantations Road runs along the southern edge of the zone. Its character as a country road should be maintained, and possible use as a campus “by-pass” route should be discouraged.
- Three sites within this zone have been identified as potential storm water pond locations. These sites should be reserved until a comprehensive storm water management strategy has been developed by the University and the potential use of these sites assessed.
- This zone is the northern edge of the Judd Falls Greenway (LOE) and the Tower Road streetscape initiative (L12). The landscape of the tableland north of Tower Road should reflect these important landscape initiatives.