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*Wilmington Parks*

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### **Friends of Wilmington Parks Adopts "Sugar Bowl" Project**

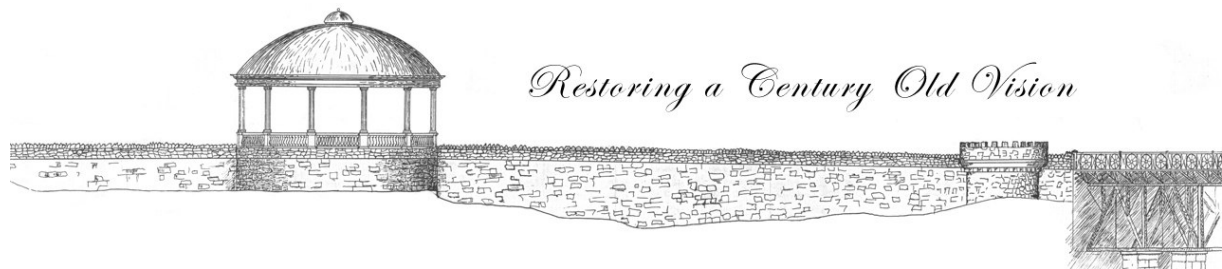
The Friends of Wilmington Parks Board of Stewards voted in favor of adopting its next significant architectural project in Brandywine Park: the reconstruction of a domed structure commonly known as the "Sugar Bowl" pavilion. Friends of Wilmington Parks will conduct fundraising and oversee management of the multi-year project, partnering with the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation and a dedicated group of local engineers, architects and planners from the City of Wilmington and the staff at the University of Delaware's Center for Composite Materials.

Friends of Wilmington Parks completed its last multi-year architectural project, the renovation of the Jasper Crane Rose Garden, in June of 2004. The Sugar Bowl project is slated to begin this fall.

The original Sugar Bowl pavilion, named for its domed roof's likeness to a sugar bowl lid, was completed in 1902 and demolished in stages mid-century after suffering irrevocable damage. All that remains is the concrete foundation upon its original granite base overlooking North Park Drive and Brandywine River near the Washington Street Bridge.

Much of Brandywine Park is defined by its art and architectural elements – statues, fountains, bridges, and historic structures. When completed, the pavilion overlook will be a landmark that anchors the north end of the park, offering park visitors an aesthetic view within the City of Wilmington perhaps equaled only by the Rockford Tower overlook in Rockford Park.

Friends of Wilmington Parks is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization devoted to the preservation and restoration of the Wilmington State Parks: Rockford, Brandywine, H. Fletcher Brown, Alapocas Run parks and Kentmere Parkway.



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