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BROOKS RE-OPENS HISTORIC GLASS DOME OF HIGHLAND PARK'S LAMBERTON CONSERVATORY

98-year old Monroe County landmark is completely reconstructed

Culminating a 10-month long reconstruction, County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today cut the ribbon to re-open the iconic glass dome of Monroe County's Lambertton Conservatory. The Highland Park landmark was disassembled down to its foundation and reconstructed with modern materials, as an exact replication of the historic structure.

"After nearly a century of delighting Monroe County's residents and visitors with stunning horticultural displays, the historic glass dome of the Lambertton Conservatory was really showing its age," said Brooks. *"With attention to detail, the Conservatory's reconstruction is a testament to Monroe County's dedication to our history and our continued commitment to our community's wonderful quality of life."*

The reconstructed glass dome contains approximately 1,800 square feet of floor area and stands almost 25 feet tall. Nearly 1,000 individual panes of modern safety-glass have been installed, replacing all of the original single-pane glass. Also, during the project, the existing steel framework was removed and used as a pattern for the new galvanized steel framing system. An interior cypress gutter system was salvaged, refurbished and reused, as were the operable ridge vent, the exterior cast iron gutter system, and the memorial to Alexander B. Lambertton, over the front doors. The total project cost is \$900,000, of which \$700,000 is funded through Monroe County's Capital Improvement Program and \$200,000 is funded through a grant from the New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

The reconstruction was jointly managed by the Monroe County Department of Parks and the Monroe County Department of Environmental Services. Barkstrom & LaCroix was the project's architect and Christa Construction was the general contractor.

The Lambertton Conservatory is located in Monroe County's Highland Park at 180 Reservoir Avenue and is open daily from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. (including Easter Sunday). The re-opening of the glass dome coincides with the opening of the Conservatory's Annual Spring Flower Show.

Admission is as follows: **Adults** are \$3.00 per person; **Seniors** (ages 62 and up) are \$2.00 per person; **Youth** (ages 6 through 18) are \$2.00 per person; and, supervised **Children** (through age 5) are FREE.

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