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CONSTITUTION
of the
MAUD GORDON HOLMES ARBORETUM COUNCIL

As ratified April 1, 1965 and with changes proposed
by Steering Committee.

ARTICLE I -- NAME

This organization shall be known as the MAUD GORDON HOLMES
ARBORETUM COUNCIL.

ARTICLE II -- NATURE

This organization is in the nature of coordinating committee founded or
generated through the joint activities of both the Eighth District, Federated Garden Clubs of
New York State, Inc. and the Buffalo State College Alumni Foundation, Inc., each of which
said organizations became the recipients of and have remained the legal custodians of certain
funds given in the name of the said Maud Gordon Holmes and earmarked by the donors in each
case for use in the creation and perpetuation of an arboretum to beautify the ground of the
State College (part of the State University of New York) located on Elmwood Avenue in the
City of Buffalo, New York, and by virtue of this origin this said organization shall derive its
powers from and shall be responsible to each said organization with respect to the monies or
other assets for which the said Federation or Foundation above described continues to have
the legal responsibility.

ARTICLE III -- PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to develop and maintain the MAUD
GORDON HOLMES ARBORETUM on the campus of the STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AT
BUFFALO as an enduring project envisioned to provide in its maturity a treasure of natural
beauty and resource for botanical studies for the advancement of the horticultural arts and of
civic beautification in said area.

ARTICLE VII -- FINANCES

Since this organization was created or founded by and derives its powers from other organizations which have been legally constituted as membership corporations under the laws of the State of New York and which have acquired or are in the process of acquiring tax exempt status, this said organization shall be operated exclusively for educational, charitable, philanthropic, eleemosynary and beneficent works and purposes only and the monies and other assets derived through said founding organizations or organization and any income or increment derived therefrom shall be used exclusively for such works and purposes and no part of said assets or earnings shall inure to the personal benefit of any member, director, or etc., of the said organization or any other private individual, except that a reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for such organization.

ARTICLE VIII -- RATIFICATION AND AMENDMENT

This constitution and any by-laws created hereunder shall become effective upon its having been approved by the beginning membership of this said organization, subject, however, to the ratification of the Eighth District, Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc., so long as it continues as legal custodian of any of the monies or other assets earmarked for use in conjunction with the MAUD GORDON HOLMES ARBORETUM and of the Buffalo State College Alumni Foundation, Inc., so long as it continues as legal custodian of any of the monies or other assets earmarked for use in conjunction with the MAUD GORDON HOLMES ARBORETUM, and so also this constitution may be amended in the same manner required for it to become effective as above set forth, with the further provision in each instance that the actual proposed constitution or amendments be presented to the said beginning membership or the established Council of this organization in writing at least 10 (10) days prior to a meeting called for said purpose, and approved either at said meeting or in writing by at least two-thirds (2/3) of said membership, the subsequent ratification by the above described founding organizations to be accomplished in compliance with their own respective charters (or constitutions) and by-laws, notice of such ratification being forwarded in writing to this Council.