

Frequently Asked Questions About Granogue

Why is Longwood conserving Granogue?

Conservation is at the heart of Longwood. Our Gardens began with Pierre S. du Pont's act of preservation to save a 202-acre arboretum that was important to the region and community. We are honoring that legacy by acting to protect another landscape that is important to our region and community. We are ensuring that Granogue remains open space and is not lost to subdivision and development.

Is the value of the property \$50 million?

Although media have reported the value of the property to be \$50 million, this is purely speculation, and the terms of the agreement are confidential until closing.

How is the Granogue acquisition being financed?

This is a joint effort among national, regional, and local organizations and individuals. Longwood is being joined by Mt. Cuba Center and the Longwood Foundation, who are each making generous contributions to fund the acquisition. Members of the du Pont family are contributing funds to create an endowment to fund the ongoing maintenance, operations, and vision for Granogue. The Conservation Fund, which has played a role in preserving more than 8.5 million acres across the US, is serving as the fiscal agent for the transaction. After the sale is finalized, Longwood Gardens will own and operate Granogue.

When will the acquisition happen?

The acquisition could take up to one year to complete.

What is Longwood's plan for Granogue?

The vision for Granogue is to forever remain a pastoral cultural landscape. Longwood and Granogue Reserve, LTD., LLC began discussions about the future of the property in 2016. While a preliminary study, including a site master plan and business modeling, was developed in 2018-2019, Longwood has no immediate plans to activate extensive programming or paid access to the property. Again, this acquisition is an act of conservation. Future operations and programs will be embarked upon in the same thoughtful manner of planning that is in Longwood's DNA.

Will Longwood Members be able to access Granogue as part of their Membership?

If and when Longwood undertakes programming initiatives at Granogue, we will decide parameters for public access at that time.

