

***Help Paul Busse Garden Railway
Remain in Conservatory's Permanent Collection***



The Paul Busse Garden Railway has been chugging along its tracks at the Conservatory since 2020 and is a major source of joy for all visitors. This exhibition is helping to reignite nostalgic joy in lifelong train lovers and foster a newfound love for trains in our youngest visitors. We have nine G-scale model trains chugging along 1,122 feet of track, including two water features and a 450-foot overhead loop.

The Conservatory believes this magical, whimsical exhibition should remain onsite for our community. We decided to purchase this exhibition and are currently \$60,000 away from formal acquisition.

An anonymous donor has made a matching gift challenge - they are willing to match every dollar up to \$10,000 donated from the members of the Columbus Garden Railway Society. This means that any dollar you donate - and your impact - will be instantly doubled. **If each member of the CGRS donated \$100 to this effort, we'd raise the full \$10,000 match.**

Our anonymous donor would love for **all CGRS gifts to be made by June 1**, when the Conservatory is reopening the railway. However, we will accept all gifts through Dec. 31, 2022. The donor is happy to match all **cash** donations to this campaign. Should the club members contribute a total of \$10,000 and we realize the full match, the Conservatory will recognize the total gift size (\$20,000) in appropriate digital and on-site recognition to be reviewed and approved by the club.

We hope you'll join us in this effort. *All aboard!*

Ways to Give

Online:

Visit fpconservatory.org/cgrs

Using this web page, not our main web page, ensures we can track your gift as part of the club's fundraising effort for our matching donor.

Phone:

Call Mary Beth McNamee, Development Officer for Individual Giving, at **614-715-8042** or email mmcnamee@fpconservatory.org to set a time to ask questions and/or make a gift.

In-Person:

Feel free to drop off your gift at the Conservatory's front desk. Our address is 1777 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43203. Be sure to include a note with your gift that mentions "Train Purchase Columbus Garden Railway Society".

Mail:

You can make out a check to "**Friends of the Conservatory**" with Memo line "Train Purchase - Columbus Garden Railway Society" and mail it to Franklin Park Conservatory, Attn: Mary Beth McNamee, 1777 E. Broad St. , Columbus, OH 43203.



***Interested in contributing your time in addition to/instead of a cash gift?
Thank you! Please contact volunteers@fpconservatory.org***