



## CONTEMPLATION AREA

The contemplation area provides an opportunity for contemplation, quiet visitation, or meditation. This space was designed in a quiet corner of the site located on the side of a gently sloping wooded area. Two benches are sited to allow for easy conversation while enjoying scenic views into the wooded wetland area that lies beyond the walking path. A variety of ferns, ornamental grasses and flowering perennials create a lush woodland landscape surrounding the space. For safety and security this area is highly visible from the surrounding walking paths but offset far enough to imply a sense of privacy. The evergreen hedges that form the boundary of the space create the perception of an outdoor room.

The focal point of the contemplation area is two decorative granite boulders that are set in beds of contrasting colored stones and complemented by the surrounding bluestone walkways. Bright red benches and a colorful Japanese Maple sharply contrast with the surrounding landscape to provide a touch of warmth and color to this otherwise calm, cool, and peaceful space. The contemplation area is an important space within the gardens because it provides an alternative to the bright areas of the main gardens on sunny days.