

Anderson Japanese Gardens Receives Equipment Grant

Yorkville, Ill., March 20, 2008 - Dollars and Sense is pleased to announce that its client, Anderson Japanese Garden, has received approval of an award of \$40,750 from the State of Illinois' Bureau of Tourism. This program provides awards annually "for the development or improvement of the tourism attractions."

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This is the second successful Tourism Attraction Development Program Grant that Dollars and Sense has prepared for the Garden. The first successful application secured funds in the amount of \$125,583 to assist with the construction of a brand new Visitors Center which is scheduled to open May 1. The current award is for the production of a self-guided audio tour and the purchase of the headsets on which visitors will listen to a narrated self-guided tour of the Gardens.

The entire Visitors Center project involves philanthropic investments of more than \$4 million. The new facility provides a restaurant, a gift shop, conference rooms and serves as the admission gate to the Garden.

The Garden, North America's top-rate Japanese garden according to the Roth Journal of Japanese Gardening, is a gift to the City of Rockford by John R. Anderson. It has been designed and built during the last 20 years of noted landscape architect Hoichi Kurisu. Anderson Japanese Gardens has been a client of Dollars and Sense for more than three years.

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