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The Botanical Gardens

The U.S. Botanical Gardens is a museum full of living plants. Its mission is to demonstrate that plants have aesthetic, cultural, economic, therapeutic, and ecological value to human beings. George Washington's original vision for Washington D.C. included a botanic garden, and Congress established it in 1820. Located in an area of Washington D.C. known as Capitol Hill, the U.S. Botanic Garden is the oldest living continuously operating botanic garden in the country.

Why do you think it was important to George Washington that the young United States establish a botanic garden?

